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08108005 95145174

Ribosomal DNA fingerprinting analysis of Enterobacter cloacae isolated from an outbreak of nosocomial infection]

Li P; Li GQ; Liu C

Shandong Provincial Hospital, Jinan.

Chung-hua yu fang i hsueh tsa chih (CHINA) Sep 1994, 28 (5) p278-80,
ISSN 0253-9624 Journal Code: D74

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16s and 23s ribosomal DNA (rDNA) genes were amplified from E. coli, labelled with [α -³²P] dATP by nick translation, and applied as conserved gene probes to detecting broad-spectrum rDNA. rDNA fingerprinting analysis of Enterobacter cloacae (E. cloacae) isolated from an outbreak of nosocomial infection and other hospital environmental sources was conducted with digestion by different restrictive endonuclease, such as Hind III, EcoRI, BamHI, Bgl I, et al. Results showed rDNA fingerprinting of E. cloacae strains isolated from 10 patients with nosocomial infection was the same as that from other sources. It suggested E. cloacae causing this outbreak was originated from one genetic clone, and its source of infection was the tubes and humidifying bottles for oxygenation. rDNA fingerprinting technique is accurate, reliable, specific and repeatable, and will plays important roles in identification and classification of bacteria, tracking the source of transmission of nosocomial infection.

Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: Cross Infection--Microbiology--MI; *DNA Fingerprinting; *DNA , Bacterial--Genetics--GE; * Enterobacter cloacae --Genetics--GE; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections--Microbiology--MI; DNA , Ribosomal --Genetics--GE

CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (DNA, Ribosomal)

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07976068 94329582

Analysis of a carbapenem-hydrolyzing class A beta-lactamase from Enterobacter cloacae and of its LysR-type regulatory protein.

Naas T; Nordmann P

Abteilung Mikrobiologie, Biozentrum der Universitat Basel, Switzerland.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (UNITED STATES) Aug 2 1994, 91 (16) p7693-7, ISSN 0027-8424

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Languages: ENGLISH

Document type: JOURNAL ARTICLE

JOURNAL ANNOUNCEMENT: 9411

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Carbapenems such as imipenem are extended-spectrum beta-lactam antibiotics, which are not hydrolyzed by the beta-lactamases commonly found in Enterobacteriaceae. Here we report a gene encoding a carbapenemase, which was cloned from the **chromosome** of a clinical isolate of Enterobacter cloacae, strain NOR-1, into pACYC184 plasmid in Escherichia coli. Unlike all the sequenced carbapenemases, which are class B metallo-beta-lactamases, the mature protein (Nmca) is a class A serine beta-lactamase. Nmca shares the highest amino acid identity (50%) with the extended-spectrum class A beta-lactamase MEN-1 from E. coli. In the opposite orientation from the nmca promoter, an overlapping and divergent promoter was detected, along with an open reading frame, which encoded a 33.5-kDa protein (Nmcr). The Nmcr amino acid sequence displays homology with LysR-type transcriptional regulatory proteins, including the conserved residues near its N terminus within a helix-turn-helix motif. Deletion of nmcr resulted in decreased carbapenem resistance and a loss of beta-lactamase inducibility, demonstrating a positive role of Nmcr in Nmca expression.

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: beta-Lactamases--Genetics--GE; *Bacterial Proteins--Genetics--GE; *Carbapenems--Metabolism--ME; *Enterobacter cloacae --Genetics--GE; *Gene Expression Regulation; *Transcription Factors--Genetics--GE; Amino Acid Sequence; Base Sequence; Drug Resistance, Microbial--Genetics--GE; **DNA** Mutational Analysis; **Enterobacter cloacae** --Enzymology--EN; Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial; Gene Expression Regulation, Enzymologic; Hydrolysis; Molecular Sequence Data; Restriction Mapping; Sequence Analysis; Sequence Deletion; Sequence Homology, Amino Acid; Transcription, Genetic
Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/Z21956
CAS Registry No.: 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Carbapenems); 0 (Transcription Factors); 87609-37-8 (LysR protein)
Enzyme No.: EC 3.5.2.- (Nmca protein); EC 3.5.2.6 (beta-Lactamases)
Gene Symbol: nmca; lysR; nmcr

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07769171 94119652

[**Molecular markers and epidemiology of nosocomial infections in pediatric hospital units**]

Marqueurs moléculaires et épidémiologie des infections nosocomiales en pédiatrie.

Bingen E

Laboratoire de Microbiologie, Hôpital Robert Debre, Paris, France.

Pathologie-biologie (FRANCE) Oct 1993, 41 (8) p716-23, ISSN 0369-8114

Journal Code: OSG

Languages: FRENCH Summary Languages: ENGLISH

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Nosocomial infection cause severe morbidity and mortality in pediatric patients. To find the cause of an infectious disease outbreak, epidemiologists need to determine early on whether a single strain of microorganism is responsible for the majority of cases. Phenotypic characteristics have been widely used in epidemiologic studies. However with most systems poor reproducibility, poor sensitivity have been reported and they do not reliably show enough strain-to-strain variation to be sufficiently discriminative. Molecular approaches like the analysis of the restriction fragment length polymorphism of the total **DNA** and of the rDNA regions and pulsed-field gel electrophoresis typing have now been applied with success to a large number of bacterial species associated with epidemics.

Tags: Human

Descriptors: Bacteria--Genetics--GE; *Cross Infection--Genetics--GE; ***DNA** , Bacterial--Genetics--GE; * **DNA** , Ribosomal--Genetics--GE;

Languages: ENGLISH
Document type: JOURNAL ARTICLE
JOURNAL ANNOUNCEMENT: 9309
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A clinical isolate of *Enterobacter cloacae*, strain NOR-1, exhibited resistance to imipenem and remained susceptible to extended-spectrum cephalosporins. Clavulanic acid partially restored the susceptibility of the strain to imipenem. Two beta-lactamases with isoelectric points (pI) of 6.9 and > 9.2 were detected in strain *E. cloacae* NOR-1; the higher pI corresponded to AmpC cephalosporinase. Plasmid DNA was not detected in *E. cloacae* NOR-1 and imipenem resistance could not be transferred into *Escherichia coli* JM109. The carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase gene was cloned into plasmid pACYC184. One recombinant plasmid, pPTN1, harbored a 5.3-kb *Sau*3A fragment from *E. cloacae* NOR-1 expressing the carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase. This enzyme (pI 6.9) hydrolyzed ampicillin, cephalothin, and imipenem more rapidly than it did meropenem and aztreonam, but it hydrolyzed extended-spectrum cephalosporins only weakly and did not hydrolyze cefoxitin. Hydrolytic activity was partially inhibited by clavulanic acid, sulbactam, and tazobactam, was nonsusceptible to chelating agents such as EDTA and 1,10-o-phenanthroline, and was independent of the presence of ZnCl₂. Its relative molecular mass was 30,000 Da. Induction experiments concluded that the carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase biosynthesis was inducible by cefoxitin and imipenem. Subcloning experiments with HindIII partial digests of pPTN1 resulted in a recombinant plasmid, designated pPTN2, which contained a 1.3-kb insert from pPTN1 and which conferred resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: beta-Lactamases--Genetics--GE; *Carbapenems--Metabolism--ME;
**Enterobacter cloacae* --Enzymology--EN; **Enterobacter cloacae* --Genetics
--GE; **Escherichia coli*--Enzymology--EN; **Escherichia coli*--Genetics--GE;
*Genes, Bacterial; beta-Lactamases--Biosynthesis--BI; Cloning, Molecular;
Drug Resistance, Microbial; DNA, Bacterial--Chemistry--CH; Hydrolysis;
Isoelectric Focusing; Microbial Sensitivity Tests; Molecular Weight;
Nucleic Acid Hybridization; Sequence Homology, Nucleic Acid
CAS Registry No.: 0 (Carbapenems); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)
Enzyme No.: EC 3.5.2.6 (beta-Lactamases)

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07507342 93186526

Effect of ampicillin versus cefuroxime on the emergence of beta-lactam resistance in faecal *Enterobacter cloacae* isolates from neonates.

Burman LG; Berglund B; Huovinen P; Tullus K

National Bacteriological Laboratory, Stockholm, Sweden.

Journal of antimicrobial chemotherapy (ENGLAND) Jan 1993, 31 (1)
p111-6, ISSN 0305-7453 Journal Code: HD7

Languages: ENGLISH

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Enterobacter cloacae strains dominated the aerobic faecal flora of 8.3% of 953 infants discharged from 32 Swedish neonatal intensive care units and the susceptibility of these strains to seven beta-lactam antibiotics was determined. Isolates from infants treated with cefuroxime showed slightly increased MICs only to ampicillin, cephalixin and cephalothin as compared to isolates from untreated infants matched for ward and time of sampling (P = 0.02). In contrast, *E. cloacae* isolates from ampicillin treated infants showed markedly elevated MICs of all agents tested including piperacillin, cefuroxime, cefotaxime and ceftazidime as compared to those from control neonates (P values between 0.001 for ampicillin and 0.017 for cefotaxime). Thus, *E. cloacae* with cefotaxime MICs as high as 512 mg/L were isolated only after ampicillin therapy. The resistant strains were negative in a colony DNA hybridization assay using gene probes for the plasmid

*Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment Length; Blotting, Southern; Child;
Child, Preschool; DNA Fingerprinting; Electrophoresis, Gel, Pulsed-Field;
Enter bacter cloacae --Genetics--GE; Hospital Units; Infant; Serratia
marcescens--Genetics--GE
CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (DNA, Ribosomal)

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07757135 93107247

Epidemiological fingerprinting of Enterobacter cloacae by small-fragment restriction endonuclease analysis and pulsed-field gel electrophoresis of genomic restriction fragments.

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Staatliches Medizinal-Untersuchungsamt Osnabruck, Germany.

Journal of clinical microbiology (UNITED STATES) Jan 1993, 31 (1)

0128-33, ISSN 0095-1137 Journal Code: HSH

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A cluster of infections caused by Enterobacter cloacae was observed among preterm neonates in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of a pediatric hospital in Osnabruck, Germany. The presence of similar antimicrobial susceptibility patterns among the bacterial isolates prompted an investigation to determine whether a limited spread of a single strain existed. All 12 E. cloacae isolates from the NICU and 50 nonrelated strains were fingerprinted by small-fragment restriction endonuclease analysis (SF-REA) of EcoRI DNA digests. Selected isolates were further characterized by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) of NotI- or XbaI-generated genomic restriction fragments. Epidemiologically unrelated strains were clearly discriminated by both methods. Results achieved by SF-REA and PFGE revealed that of the 12 isolates from the NICU, 11 belonged to the same genotypic cluster. Since all reagents and equipment for both techniques are commercially available, DNA fingerprinting by SF-REA or PFGE is proposed as a useful tool in the microbiology laboratory for investigating the epidemiological relatedness of E. cloacae strains of clinical and environmental origin.

Tags: Human

Descriptors: DNA Fingerprinting--Methods--MT; *Enterobacter cloacae
--Classification--CL; * Enterobacter cloacae --Genetics--GE;
*Enterobacteriaceae Infections--Microbiology--MI; *Infant, Premature,
Diseases--Microbiology--MI; Cross Infection--Microbiology--MI; Disease
Outbreaks; DNA Restriction Enzymes; Electrophoresis, Gel, Pulsed-Field;
Enterobacteriaceae Infections--Epidemiology--EP; Genotype; Germany
--Epidemiology--EP; Infant, Newborn; Infant, Premature; Infant, Premature,
Diseases--Epidemiology--EP; Intensive Care Units, Neonatal; Microbial
Sensitivity Tests; Phenotype; Plasmids; Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment
Length

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Plasmids)

Enzyme No.: EC 3.1.21 DNA Restriction Enzymes)

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07567938 93297955

Biochemical properties of a carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase from Enterobacter cloacae and cloning of the gene into Escherichia coli.

Nordmann P; Mariotte S; Naas T; Labia R; Nicolas MH

Laboratoire de Microbiologie, Hopital Raymond Poincare, Faculte de
Medecine Paris-Ouest, Garches, France.

Antimicrobial agents and chemotherapy (UNITED STATES) May 1993, 37 (5)
p939-46, ISSN 0066-4804 Journal Code: 6HK

beta-lactamases TEM-1, OXA-1 and SHV-1. The resistant strains also showed only one beta-lactamase band when crude cell sonicates were analysed by isoelectric focusing, and were not found in other infants in the same ward. The results indicate that the selection of **chromosomal** *E. cloacae* mutants, presumably with stably derepressed beta-lactamase production, in the faecal flora of neonates is rare during treatment with cefuroxime and more common during ampicillin therapy.

Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't
Descriptors: Ampicillin--Pharmacology--PD; *Antibiotics, Lactam
--Pharmacology--PD; *Cefuroxime--Pharmacology--PD; ***Enterobacter cloacae**
--Drug Effects--DE; Bacterial Typing Techniques; Drug Resistance, Microbial
; **Enterobacter cloacae** --Genetics--GE; **Enterobacter cloacae** --Isolation
and Purification--IP; Feces--Microbiology--MI; Infant, Newborn; Microbial
Sensitivity Tests; Sweden
CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics, Lactam); 55268-75-2 (Cefuroxime);
69-53-4 (Ampicillin)

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07422410 92078085

Multiple copies of IS10 in the Enterobacter cloacae MD36 chromosome.

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National Institute of Hygienic Sciences, Tokyo, Japan.

Journal of bacteriology (UNITED STATES) Dec 1991, 173 (24) p7802-9,

ISSN 0021-9193 Journal Code: HH3

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Document type: JOURNAL ARTICLE

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Repetitive sequences were isolated and characterized as double-stranded **DNA** fragments by treatment with S1 nuclease after denaturation and renaturation of the total **DNA** of *Enterobacter cloacae* MD36. One repetitive sequence was identical to the nucleotide sequence of IS10-right (IS10R), which is the active element in the plasmid-associated transposon Tn10. Unexpectedly, 15 copies of IS10R were found in the **chromosomal DNA** of *E. cloacae* MD36. One copy of the central region of Tn10 was found in the total **DNA** of *E. cloacae* MD36. IS10Rs in restriction fragments isolated from the *E. cloacae* MD36 total **DNA** showed 9-bp duplications adjacent to the terminal sequences that are characteristic of Tn10 transposition. This result suggests that many copies of IS10R in *E. cloacae* MD36 are due to transposition of IS10R alone, not due to transposition of Tn10 or to **DNA** rearrangement. I also found nine copies of IS10 in *Shigella sonnei* HH109, two and four copies in two different natural isolates of *Escherichia coli*, and two copies in *E. coli* K-12 strain JM109 from the 60 bacterial strains that were examined. All dam sites in the IS10s in *E. cloacae* MD36 and *S. sonnei* HH109 were methylated. Tn10 and IS10 transpose by a mechanism in which the element is excised from the donor site and inserted into the new target site without significant replication of the transposing segment; thus, the copy numbers of the elements in the cell are thought to be unchanged in most circumstances. Accumulation of IS10 copies in *E. cloacae* MD36 has interesting evolutionary implications.

Descriptors: **DNA** Transposable Elements; * **Enterobacter cloacae**
--Genetics--GE; *Repetitive Sequences, Nucleic Acid; Base Sequence;
Blotting, Southern; **Chromosomes**, Bacterial; Cloning, Molecular; **DNA**,
Bacterial; *Enterobacteriaceae*--Genetics--GE; Methylation; Molecular
Sequence Data; Mutation

Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/D00950; GENBANK/D00951;
GENBANK/D00952; GENBANK/S69596; GENBANK/S69601; GENBANK/S69604;
GENBANK/S69828; GENBANK/S69830; GENBANK/M64332; GENBANK/M63255

CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA Transposable Elements); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

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07266563 92314252

Molecular analysis provides evidence for the endogenous origin of bacteremia and meningitis due to Enterobacter cloacae in an infant.

Lambert-Zechovsky N; Bingen E; Denamur E; Brahimi N; Brun P; Mathieu H; Elion J

Laboratoire de Microbiologie, Hopital Robert Debre, Paris, France.

Clinical infectious diseases (UNITED STATES) Jul 1992, 15 (1) p30-2,

ISSN 1058-4838 Journal Code: A4J

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We analyzed the restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) of total DNA and of ribosomal DNA regions (ribotyping) to document the occurrence of endogenous, systemic bacteremia and meningitis due to Enterobacter cloacae in a newborn. Five strains of E. cloacae were isolated from this newborn. Three of these strains were recovered from stool at counts of 10(8), 10(9), and 10(9) organisms/g of feces, respectively; one strain was isolated from blood; and one strain was isolated from cerebrospinal fluid. In addition, five epidemiologically unrelated strains of E. cloacae were studied for comparison. Our study clearly shows the genetic relatedness of the strains isolated sequentially from cultures of stool, blood, and cerebrospinal fluid. RFLP analysis of total DNA and ribotyping seem particularly well suited to the study of the epidemiology of nosocomial E. cloacae strains.

Tags: Case Report; Human; Male

Descriptors: Bacteremia--Microbiology--MI; * DNA , Bacterial--Analysis --AN; *Enterobacter cloacae --Genetics--GE; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections --Etiology--ET; *Meningitis, Bacterial--Microbiology--MI; DNA , Ribosomal --Analysis--AN; Enterobacter cloacae --Isolation and Purification--IP; Enterobacteriaceae Infections--Diagnosis--DI; Infant, Newborn; Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment Length

CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (DNA, Ribosomal)

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Identification of factors affecting in vivo aminoglycoside activity in an experimental model of gram-negative endocarditis

Potel G.; Caillon J.; Le Gallou F.; Bugnon D.; Le Conte P.; Raza J.;
Lepage - J.Y.; Baron D.; Drugeon H.
Lab. d'Antibiologie Clin. et Exptl., Faculte de Medecine, 1 rue
Gaston-Veil, 44035 Nantes France
Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ANTIMICROB. AGENTS CHEMOTHER.) (United States) 1992, 36/4 (744-750)
CODEN: AMACC ISSN: 0066-4804
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Aminoglycoside bactericidal activity during the first 24 hr of treatment probably is a determining parameter in the prognosis of severe gram-negative infections in immunocompromised patients. To identify the predictive factors involved in the definition of the best therapeutic regimen for *Enterobacter cloacae* and *Serratia marcescens* infections, we studied different gentamicin, tobramycin, and amikacin regimens by using an experimental model of rabbit endocarditis. Two factors appear to play an important role in predicting in vivo efficacy: (i) the level of in vivo bactericidal activity, which can differ widely from one aminoglycoside to another for the same bacterial strain and from one strain to another of the same species, and (ii) the critical serum drug concentration (CSC, in milligrams per liter), defined as the lowest serum antibiotic concentration capable of producing a significant CFU reduction ($P < 0.05$) in endocarditis vegetations 24 h after the beginning of a continuous infusion. Stepwise regression analysis showed that for gentamicin and *S. marcescens*, the area under the concentration-time curve above the CSC and then the time above the CSC are the determining parameters for efficacy ($R = 0.69$; $F = 13.5$; $P = 0.001$), whereas for amikacin and *S. marcescens*, the time above the CSC and then the area under the concentration-time curve above the CSC predict efficacy ($R = 0.74$; $F = 24.0$; $P = 0.0001$). The lowest CSC is that of amikacin (about 8 mg/liter); those of gentamicin and tobramycin are about 15 mg/liter. In severe *S. marcescens* infections, intermittent amikacin dosing offers excellent bactericidal activity within the first 24 h.

MANUFACTURER NAMES: lilly; schering plough; bristol
DRUG DESCRIPTORS:

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	94806	PLASMID?
	2224874	DIFFER?
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Quality control of two rose bengal and modified DRBC and DG18 media.

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International journal of food microbiology (NETHERLANDS) Apr 1 1997,

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The effect of storage on the performance of four mycological media, DG18, DRBC and two Rose Bengal agars, one from Difco, the other recommended by the Swedish Standard Institution, was investigated. The autoclaved media were stored (+4 degrees C) in the dark for up to 26 weeks. Following each storage period, the media were remelted and poured and the plates stored (+4 degrees C) in the dark for a maximum of 8 weeks before inoculation with test microorganisms. All media contained antibiotics. Both rapidly and slowly **growing** moulds, and also yeasts and bacteria were used as test microorganisms. No distinct effect of storage time on colony appearance could be shown for any of the four media. If the loss of restricted **growth** of *Rhizopus stolonifer* is used as a measure of the performance of the media, DRBC plates should not be stored for longer than 2 weeks after being poured from fresh medium. Storage of DRBC in flasks should not exceed 4 weeks and plates prepared from this medium should not be kept for more than 1 week. DG18 plates should only be poured from fresh medium and kept for a maximum of 1 week. The inhibitory effect of the antibiotic supplement on bacteria lasted for at least 4 weeks in DG18 and the two rose bengal media.

Tags: Comparative Study

Descriptors: **Culture** Media--standards--ST; *Rose Bengal--standards--ST; Agar; Antibiotics--pharmacology--PD; *Bacillus subtilis*--drug effects--DE; *Bacillus subtilis*--**growth** and development--GD; *Cladosporium*--**growth** and development--GD; *Enterobacter cloacae*--drug effects--DE; *Enterobacter cloacae* -- **growth** and development--GD; *Escherichia coli* --drug effects--DE; *Escherichia coli*--**growth** and development--GD; Food Microbiology; Heat; Microbiological Techniques; *Penicillium*--**growth** and development--GD; *Pseudomonas*--drug effects--DE; *Pseudomonas*--**growth** and development--GD; Quality Control; *Rhizopus*--**growth** and development--GD; Sweden; Time Factors

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics); 0 (Culture Media); 11121-48-5 (Rose Bengal); 9002-18-0 (Agar)

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10727770 97077215 PMID: 8919782

Degradation of pentaerythritol tetranitrate by *Enterobacter cloacae* PB2.

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A mixed microbial **culture** capable of metabolizing the explosive pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN) was obtained from soil enrichments under aerobic and nitrogen-limiting conditions. A strain of *Enterobacter cloacae*, designated PB2, was isolated from this **culture** and was found to use PETN as a sole source of nitrogen for **growth**. **Growth** yields

suggested that 2 to 3 mol of nitrogen was utilized per mol of PETN. The metabolites pentaerythritol dinitrate, 3-hydroxy-2,2-bis-[(nitrooxy)methyl] propanal, and 2,2-bis-[(nitrooxy)methyl]-propanedial were identified by mass spectrometry and ¹H-nuclear magnetic resonance. An NADPH-dependent PETN reductase was isolated from cell extracts and shown to liberate nitrite from PETN, producing pentaerythritol tri- and dinitrates which were identified by mass spectrometry. PETN reductase was purified to apparent homogeneity by ion-exchange and affinity chromatography. The purified enzyme was found to be a monomeric flavoprotein with a M(r) of approximately 40,000, binding flavin mononucleotide noncovalently.

Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Descriptors: *Enterobacter cloacae--metabolism--ME; *Pentaerythritol Tetranitrate--metabolism--ME; Aerobiosis; Biodegradation; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Environmental Pollutants --metabolism--ME; Kinetics; Oxidoreductases--isolation and purification--IP ; Oxidoreductases--metabolism--ME; Soil Microbiology; Substrate Specificity

Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/U68759

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Environmental Pollutants); 78-11-5 (Pentaerythritol Tetranitrate)

Enzyme No.: EC 1. (Oxidoreductases); EC 1.7.99.- (pentaerythritol tetranitrate reductase)

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10595549 96413081 PMID: 8816296

Abscedation of posterior fossa dermoid cysts.

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Child's nervous system - ChNS - official journal of the International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery (GERMANY) Jun 1996, 12 (6) p318-22, ISSN 0256-7040 Journal Code: 8503227

Comment in Childs Nerv Syst. 1997 Jun;13(6) 297; Comment in PMID 9272284

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Dermoid cysts of the posterior fossa are uncommon. When associated with a dermal sinus, these cysts are often diagnosed during early childhood. The main risk of such an association is contamination of the cyst leading to abscedation of the dermoid itself or formation of daughter abscesses within the cerebellar hemisphere. We recently treated a 20-month-old girl who had a congenital dermal sinus leading to an intradural dermoid cyst. In addition to the midline dermoid cyst, computerized tomography revealed an enhancing lesion extending into the adjacent left cerebellar hemisphere. Suboccipital craniectomy was undertaken after 2 days of external ventricular drainage, and the infected dermoid and adjacent cerebellar abscess were excised. **Cultures** of the operative specimen revealed *Corynebacterium aquaticum*, *Enterobacter sakazakii* and *Enterobacter cloacae*, requiring 6 weeks of intravenous antibiotic therapy consisting of ceftriaxone, penicillin and gentamicin. A diligent literature search revealed only 24 sporadic cases reported over a period of 56 years. All 24 cases were in children (mean age 17 months), and one-third were in infants under the age of 1 year. All but 1 of these patients underwent posterior fossa surgery, with mortality and morbidity rates of 13% and 10%, respectively. Eleven (40%) children had suppuration within the cerebellar parenchyma, while the rest had abscedation of the dermoid cyst alone. Among the cases reviewed *S. aureus* was the most common agent, occurring with a probability of 64%. Key issues for appropriate management of these benign lesions are discussed. (24 Refs.)

Tags: Case Report; Female; Human

Descriptors: *Cranial Fossa, Posterior--surgery--SU; *Dermoid Cyst

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The initial adhesion of microbes to tissue and solid surfaces can be mediated by hydrophobic interaction. Expression of microbial cell surface hydrophobicity (CSH) is influenced by **growth** conditions, and often best expressed after **growth** under nutrient-poor conditions, or "starvation". In the present study, the CSH of 133 strains of Enterobacteriaceae, Staphylococcus aureus, coagulase-negative staphylococci, Enterococcus faecalis, group A streptococcus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Clostridium perfringens, Bacteroides fragilis, Peptococcus magnus, and of 8 Candida albicans strains was measured by the salt aggregation test after **growth** on hematin agar in a 5% CO₂ atmosphere, or under anaerobiosis. Cells of all but 8 strains expressed pronounced or moderate CSH, i.e., they aggregated in 0.01-2 M ammonium sulfate. When the agar surface was covered by human serum (diluted 1:5) to mimic **growth** conditions in a wound, 94 strains expressed higher CSH, and 44 strains the same CSH as after **growth** without serum. The CSH of 12 strains of different species was measured after **growth** on blood, hematin and PDM agar, with or without serum, and in an aerobic or a 5% CO₂ atmosphere. The highest CSH was expressed after **growth** in 5% CO₂ with serum, and the lowest **growth** after on blood agar in aerobic atmosphere. Identical results were obtained with native and heat-inactivated (56 C, 20 min) serum. The reduced surface tension obtained in 5% CO₂, as well as yet unidentified serum factors, promotes expression of CSH.

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: Bacterial Adhesion; *Staphylococcal Infections--microbiology--MI; *Staphylococcus--**growth** and development--GD; *Wounds and Injuries--microbiology--MI; Cell Membrane--chemistry--CH; Cell Membrane--microbiology--MI; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; Enterobacter cloacae--pathogenicity--PY; Escherichia coli--**growth** and development--GD; Escherichia coli--pathogenicity--PY; Pseudomonas aeruginosa--**growth** and development--GD; Pseudomonas aeruginosa--pathogenicity--PY; Staphylococcus--pathogenicity--PY; Staphylococcus--physiology--PH; Surface Properties

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10319571 96121807 PMID: 7500636

Antibacterial activity of Helichrysum aureonitens (Asteraceae).

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The antibacterial activity of extracts from Helichrysum aureonitens was investigated. The dichloromethane extract was active against all five gram positive bacteria tested and the methanol extract was active only against Bacillus cereus, B. pumilus and Micrococcus kristinae, while the water extract had no activity against any of the organisms. None of the extracts inhibited the **growth** of the five gram negative bacteria tested.

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Anti-Infective Agents--pharmacology--PD; *Gram-Positive Bacteria--drug effects--DE; *Plant Extracts--pharmacology--PD; Bacillus--drug effects--DE; Bacillus--**growth** and development--GD; Enterobacter cloacae--drug effects--DE; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; Escherichia coli--drug effects--DE; Escherichia coli--**growth** and development--GD; Gram-Positive Bacteria--**growth** and development--GD; Klebsiella pneumoniae--drug effects--DE; Klebsiella pneumoniae--**growth** and development--GD; Microbial Sensitivity Tests; Micrococcus--drug effects--DE; Micrococcus--**growth** and development--GD; Pseudomonas aeruginosa--drug effects--DE; Pseudomonas aeruginosa--**growth**

--surgery--SU; Corynebacterium--isolation and purification--IP; Cranial Fossa, Posterior--microbiology--MI; Cranial Fossa, Posterior--radiography--RA; Dermoid Cyst--microbiology--MI; Dermoid Cyst--radiography--RA; Enterobacter--isolation and purification--IP; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Infant; Radiographic Image Enhancement; Skull Base Neoplasms--microbiology--MI; Skull Base Neoplasms--radiography--RA; Skull Base Neoplasms--surgery--SU; Tomography, X-Ray Computed; Treatment Outcome

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10539883 96351301 PMID: 8742359

Isolation and modulation of growth of a colonization-impaired strain of Enterobacter cloacae in cucumber spermosphere.

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Canadian journal of microbiology (CANADA) Feb 1996, 42 (2) p196-201, ISSN 0008-4166 Journal Code: 0372707

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Enterobacter cloacae A-46 was isolated for use in an environmental containment strategy for genetically modified derivative strains with enhanced biocontrol activity. The population of E. cloacae A-46, a transposon mutant of the plant-beneficial bacterium E. cloacae 501R3, increased 10-fold (significant increase at $P < \text{or} = 0.05$) in cucumber spermosphere when applied to cucumber seeds along with casamino acids. In contrast, strain A-46 was incapable of proliferation in cucumber spermosphere in the absence of casamino acids. Populations of strain A-46 also failed to increase in corn, cowpea, sunflower, and wheat spermospheres in the absence of casamino acids, while populations of strain 501R3 increased 3162-, 512-, 1698-, and 93-fold, respectively. In addition, the persistence of strain A-46 in corn, cucumber, and sunflower rhizospheres and in natural soil was greatly reduced compared with the parental strain 501R3.

Tags: Comparative Study

Descriptors: Cucumis sativus--microbiology--MI; * **Enterobacter cloacae** --growth and development--GD; **Culture Media**; Enterobacter cloacae --genetics--GE; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Mutagenesis, Insertional; Plants--microbiology--MI; Seeds; Species Specificity; Time Factors

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Culture Media)

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Growth conditions influence expression of cell surface hydrophobicity of staphylococci and other wound infection pathogens.

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Microbiology and immunology (JAPAN) 1995, 39 (10) p753-7, ISSN 0385-5600 Journal Code: 7703966

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and development--GD; Serratia marcescens--drug effects--DE; Serratia marcescens-- **growth** and development--GD; Staphylococcus aureus --drug effects--DE; Staphylococcus aureus-- **growth** and development--GD

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Anti-Infective Agents); 0 (Plant Extracts)

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10288286 96090151 PMID: 7487027

Characterization of rhizosphere colonization by luminescent Enterobacter cloacae at the population and single-cell levels.

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Applied and environmental microbiology (UNITED STATES) Aug 1995, 61 (8) p2950-7, ISSN 0099-2240 Journal Code: 7605801

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A bioluminescence marker system was used to characterized colonization of the rhizosphere by a bacterial inoculum, both in terms of population activity and at the single-cell level. Plasmid pQF70/44, which contains luxAB genes under the control of a strong constitutive phage promoter, was introduced into the rhizobacterium and model biocontrol agent Enterobacter cloacae. Light output from the lux-modified strain was detected by luminometry of samples from **growing cultures** of E. cloacae and from inoculated soil and wheat root samples. The minimum detection limits for fully active cells under optimum conditions were 90 and 445 cells g-1 for liquid **culture** and soil, respectively. The metabolic activities of the lux-marked population of E. cloacae, characterized by luminometry, contrasted in rhizosphere and nonrhizosphere soil. Cells in the rhizosphere were active, and there was a linear relationship between light output and cell concentration. The activity of cells in nonrhizosphere soil could not be detected unless the soil was supplied with substrate. Novel use of a charge-coupled device is reported for the spatial characterization of rhizosphere colonization by E. cloacae (pQF70/44) at the single-cell and population levels. Used macroscopically, the charge-coupled device identified differences in colonization due to competition from indigenous soil organisms. The lux-marked bacterium was able to colonize all depths of roots in the absence of competition but was restricted to the rhizosphere in the presence of competition (nonsterile soil). (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; Biological Markers; Biomass; Enterobacter cloacae--genetics--GE; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Genes, Bacterial; Luminescence; Soil Microbiology; Triticum--microbiology--MI

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Biological Markers)

Gene Symbol: luxAB

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10263675 96065385 PMID: 7592171

Control-related effective regrowth time and post-antibiotic effect of meropenem on gram-negative bacteria studied by bioluminescence and viable counts.

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Sweden.

Journal of antimicrobial chemotherapy (ENGLAND) May 1995, 35 (5)
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A study was performed to compare viable counts and bioluminescence for determining control related effective regrowth time (CERT) and postantibiotic effect (PAE) on Gram-negative bacteria after two hours of exposure to meropenem. There was a good correlation between bioluminescence and viable counts in determining the cell numbers in **growing cultures** of *Escherichia coli*. CERT was defined as the time required for the resumption of logarithmic **growth** and an increase of 1 log₁₀ to occur over the pre-exposure inoculum in the test **culture** minus corresponding time for the control **culture**. PAE and CERT were studied on reference strains of *Enterobacter cloacae*, *E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. At 4 x MIC of meropenem the CERTs of these four Gram-negative strains were 4.1, 4.9, 4.2, and 3.6 h, respectively, when assayed by bioluminescence. Corresponding CERTs using viable counts were 4.2, 5.0, 5.1 and 3.8 h, respectively. In contrast to this good agreement between the methods in assessing CERT, the corresponding PAEs were highly method dependent. At 4 x MIC of meropenem the PAEs on *E. cloacae*, *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae* and *P. aeruginosa* were 3.9, 4.8, 4.7, and 3.5 h, respectively, when assayed by bioluminescence. However, the corresponding and simultaneously determined viable count PAEs were -0.4, 0.5, -0.1, and 0.7 h, respectively. The poor correlation between these methods in assessing the PAE is caused by greater initial decrease in viability compared with the less prominent initial change in cell density as measured by bioluminescence. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Gram-Negative Bacteria--drug effects--DE; *Thienamycins--pharmacology--PD; Colony Count, Microbial--methods--MT; *Enterobacter cloacae*--drug effects--DE; ***Enterobacter cloacae*** -- **growth** and development--GD; *Escherichia coli*--drug effects--DE; *Escherichia coli*--**growth** and development--GD; Gram-Negative Bacteria-- **growth** and development--GD; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*--drug effects--DE; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*-- **growth** and development--GD; Luminescence, Bacterial; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*--drug effects--DE; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*-- **growth** and development--GD

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Thienamycins); 96036-03-2 (meropenem)

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08715403 95404008 PMID: 7673746

An outbreak of *Enterobacter cloacae* associated with contamination of a blood gas machine.

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Journal of infection (ENGLAND) May 1995, 30 (3) p223-6, ISSN 0163-4453 Journal Code: 7908424

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Over a 3-month period, five cases of *Enterobacter cloacae* bacteraemia occurred on our neonatal unit. In at least three of these, isolation of the organism coincided with clinical deterioration and evidence of sepsis. In one case, the same strain was isolated from an abscess on the neonate's forearm. The isolates had identical sensitivity patterns being resistant to all beta-lactams tested except imipenem. The extended time course of the

infections made cross-infection an unlikely explanation. Moreover, close questioning of the staff and observation of their practices with regard to blood **culture** collection, failed to reveal any likely mechanism for pseudobacteraemia. On extensive investigation of the environment to try to identify a potential source of the organism, a strain of *Enterobacter cloacae*, was isolated from the probe of the blood gas machine and the probe cover. No other environmental samples were found to harbour the organism. Subsequent typing procedures showed the blood gas isolate to be indistinguishable from the clinical isolates. Five neonates were successfully treated with imipenem and gentamicin. The exact mechanism whereby these bacteraemias occurred remains obscure. In one case, the baby had positive blood **cultures** within 2 h of being on the unit and contamination of the blood **culture** bottle by the doctor taking the **culture** was suspected. Most of the episodes, however, appeared clinically to be genuine septicaemias. When vigorous infection control procedures were instituted to prevent staff acquisition of the organism from the machine, cases on the unit ceased.

Tags: Human

Descriptors: *Bacteremia--etiology--ET; *Blood Gas Analysis
--instrumentation--IS; *Cross Infection--etiology--ET; *Disease Outbreaks;
*Enterobacter cloacae; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections--etiology--ET;
*Equipment Contamination; Antibiotics, Aminoglycoside--therapeutic use--TU;
Bacteremia--microbiology--MI; Bacterial Typing Techniques; Cross Infection
--epidemiology--EP; Cross Infection--microbiology--MI; Enterobacter
cloacae--classification--CL; Enterobacter cloacae --isolation and
purification--IP; Enterobacteriaceae Infections--epidemiology--EP;
Enterobacteriaceae Infections--microbiology--MI; Gentamicins--therapeutic
use--TU; Imipenem--therapeutic use--TU; Infant; Infant, Newborn; Infection
Control--methods--MT; Thienamycins--therapeutic use--TU

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics, Aminoglycoside); 0 (Gentamicins); 0
(Thienamycins); 74431-23-5 (Imipenem)

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The microbial flora in venous leg ulcers without clinical signs of infection. Repeated culture using a validated standardised microbiological technique.

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Acta dermato-venereologica (NORWAY) Jan 1995, 75 (1) p24-30, ISSN 0001-5555 Journal Code: 0370310

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The change of ulcer size in relation to the presence of species and quantities of microorganisms was analysed in 58 patients with venous leg ulcers, all without clinical signs of infection. Microbiological samples were taken on the day of inclusion and then repeated 4 times at monthly intervals or until the ulcer had healed or was too small to be **cultured** from. There was **growth** of microorganisms in all ulcers, and the numbers were below 10(4) per mm2 of ulcer surface in all cases. No correlation was found between ulcer size change and the species and amounts of microorganisms. Sixty-nine species were isolated. *Staphylococcus aureus* was found in 88%, *Enterococcus faecalis* in 74%, *Enterobacter cloacae* and *Peptococcus magnus* in 29%, and fungi in 11% of the samples. One or more obligate anaerobe species was found in 41% of the samples and in half of the ulcers and constituted 62% of all bacterial species. The colonising ulcer flora was markedly constant over time in the individual ulcers regardless of change in size. Resident bacterial species were found in 57 of the 58 ulcers. If all samples were considered, the microorganisms were

associated with not more than one fifth of the variability in healing rate, as shown by linear multiple regression analysis. The same species of microorganisms were found in ulcers that decreased (or healed) and in those that increased in size. Although an association between the microorganisms and ulcer healing could not be ruled out in this study, there seems to be no indication for routinely performed **culture** in the absence of clinical signs of infection in venous leg ulcers.

Tags: Female; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Varicose Ulcer--microbiology--MI; Aged; Bacteriological Techniques; Bandages; Candida albicans--isolation and purification--IP; Colony Count, Microbial; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Enterococcus faecalis--isolation and purification--IP; Follow-Up Studies; Linear Models; Peptococcus--isolation and purification--IP; Pseudomonas aeruginosa--isolation and purification--IP; Skin--microbiology--MI; Staphylococcus aureus--isolation and purification--IP; Varicose Ulcer--pathology--PA; Varicose Ulcer--therapy--TH; Wound Healing

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The optimization and application of two direct viable count methods for bacteria in distributed drinking water.

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The optimal incubation conditions for the direct viable count method with nalidixic acid were determined. They do not differ from those proposed in the literature for a laboratory strain and a mixed bacterial population isolated from drinking water. The direct viable count method with 5-cyano-2,3-ditolyl tetrazolium chloride (CTC) was performed under in situ conditions. The bacteria were incubated with CTC at concentration of 1 mM for 4-6 h at the temperature of the water in the pipes and without the addition of an exogenous substrate. The results obtained for a laboratory strain using the two direct count methods were similar. However, for a mixed bacterial population, the counts were always higher with the CTC method than with the nalidixic acid method.

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: Colony Count, Microbial--methods--MT; * **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; *Water Microbiology; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Nalidixic Acid--pharmacology--PD; Tetrazolium Salts

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Tetrazolium Salts); 389-08-2 (Nalidixic Acid)

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Survival of allochthonous bacteria in still mineral water bottled in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and glass.

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The mortality of *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, based on the **culturability** of these bacteria, was assessed in non-carbonated mineral water, bottled in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) containing the indigenous flora, sterile mineral water bottled in PVC, sterile mineral water in glass containers, and sterile tap water in glass containers. There was a general decrease in the **culturability** of these organisms in the four test waters, except that *Ps. aeruginosa* grew in sterile tap water. *Escherichia coli* and *Kl. pneumoniae* had the highest mortality rates under the conditions tested, while *Ent. cloacae* had a very low and constant mortality rate that would have resulted in the persistence of this organism in mineral water for a long period of time. After a sharp initial decrease in **culturability**, *Ps. aeruginosa* also had a very low mortality rate in mineral water bottled in PVC.

Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: **Enterobacter cloacae** -- growth and development--GD; **Escherichia coli*-- growth and development--GD; **Klebsiella pneumoniae*-- growth and development--GD; **Pseudomonas aeruginosa*-- growth and development--GD; *Water Microbiology; *Water Supply; Glass; Polyvinyl Chloride

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Glass); 9002-86-2 (Polyvinyl Chloride)

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Resistance of bacterial strains to dry conditions: use of anhydrous silica gel in a desiccation model system.

Janning B; in 't Veld P H; Notermans S; Kramer J

National Institute of Public Health and Environmental Protection, Bilthoven, The Netherlands.

Journal of applied bacteriology (ENGLAND) Sep 1994, 77 (3) p319-24,

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The viability of 18 bacterial strains desiccated on anhydrous silica gel and stored at a temperature of 22 degrees C for at least 3 months was determined. According to their stability in the dried state, these strains could be classified into three typical groups. Group 1, containing Gram-positive strains and *Salmonella* serotypes, was marked by a very slow decrease of the concentration of **culturable** cells from day 14 on (respectively day 21 for *Salmonella thompson*). The rate of decrease expressed as regression coefficient (b) ranged from -0.000389 to -0.00521 log (cfu ml⁻¹) per d. The Group 2 strains *Enterobacter cloacae* and *Escherichia coli* did not reach a comparable slow decrease in the dry material within the indicated time period. Regression coefficients were respectively -0.04406 and -0.03412 log (cfu ml⁻¹) per d. The reciprocal values -(1/b) were respectively 23 d per log (cfu ml⁻¹) and 29 d per log (cfu ml⁻¹), indicating the time periods in which a reduction of 1 log unit of **culturable** cells occurred. Group 3 strains *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Aeromonas hydrophila* and *Aer. sobria* were marked by a significant susceptibility to cell damage caused during desiccation and reconstitution. A high initial decrease (ID) of the concentration of **culturable** organisms seems to be a characteristic property of these bacterial strains: **culturable** organisms could not be detected after storage for 1 d (*Aer. hydrophila*, *Aer. sobria*) or 7 d (*Ps. aeruginosa*). The wide range of resistance of the different bacterial strains tested indicated that the

silica gel model system is a suitable tool for microbiological challenge tests to investigate the survival of micro-organisms exposed to desiccation and their stability in dry materials.

Tags: Comparative Study

Descriptors: Acclimatization; *Gram-Negative Bacteria-- **growth** and development--GD; *Gram-Positive Bacteria-- **growth** and development--GD; Aeromonas-- **growth** and development--GD; Desiccation; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; Escherichia coli-- **growth** and development--GD; Pseudomonas aeruginosa-- **growth** and development--GD; Salmonella-- **growth** and development--GD; Species Specificity; Time Factors

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08284492 94350730 PMID: 8071132

Combination effect of clindamycin with ceftazidime and cefoperazone in inducing filamentous growth of Enterobacter cloacae and Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

Nishihata T; Kunieda S; Mikawa M; Nakahama C; Soejima R

Upjohn Tsukuba Research Laboratories, Ibaraki, Japan.

Journal of antibiotics (JAPAN) Jul 1994, 47 (7) p843-7, ISSN 0021-8820 Journal Code: 0151115

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Languages: ENGLISH

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Descriptors: Antibiotics, Combined--pharmacology--PD; *Enterobacter cloacae--drug effects--DE; * **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa--drug effects--DE; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa-- **growth** and development--GD; Cefoperazone--pharmacology--PD; Ceftazidime--pharmacology--PD; Clindamycin--pharmacology--PD; Microbial Sensitivity Tests

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics, Combined); 18323-44-9 (Clindamycin); 62893-19-0 (Cefoperazone); 78439-06-2 (Ceftazidime)

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08216746 94282688 PMID: 8012906

The energy dependence of detergent resistance in Enterobacter cloacae: a likely requirement for ATP rather than a proton gradient or a membrane potential.

Aspedon A; Nickerson K W

School of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 68588-0343.

Canadian journal of microbiology (CANADA) Mar 1994, 40 (3) p184-91, ISSN 0008-4166 Journal Code: 0372707

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The enteric bacterium *Enterobacter cloacae* was **grown** both aerobically and anaerobically in the presence of up to 1% of the anionic detergent sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). A continuous energy supply was necessary to maintain cell integrity and cells **grown** in SDS (0.1-1%) lysed during carbon-limited stationary phase. The respiratory inhibitor KCN (3 mM) caused rapid lysis when added to aerobic, log phase, SDS-containing **cultures growing** on glucose as the carbon source. However, when the SDS (0.5%) was added 30 min after KCN, lysis did not occur. The likely reason

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10797137 97086631 PMID: 8932320

Sequence and properties of pentaerythritol tetranitrate reductase from Enterobacter cloacae PB2.

French C E; Nicklin S; Bruce N C

Institute of Biotechnology, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Journal of bacteriology (UNITED STATES) Nov 1996, 178 (22) p6623-7,

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Main Citation Owner: NLM

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Pentaerythritol tetranitrate reductase, which reductively liberates nitrite from nitrate esters, is related to old yellow enzyme. Pentaerythritol tetranitrate reductase follows a ping-pong mechanism with competitive substrate inhibition by NADPH, is strongly inhibited by steroids, and is capable of reducing the unsaturated bond of 2-cyclohexen-1-one.

Descriptors: *Enterobacter cloacae--genetics--GE; *Oxidoreductases--genetics--GE; *Oxidoreductases--metabolism--ME; Amino Acid Sequence; Base Sequence; Cloning, Molecular; Cyclohexanones--metabolism--ME; Enterobacter cloacae--enzymology--EN; Kinetics; Models, Chemical; Molecular Sequence Data; NADP--metabolism--ME; Nitroglycerin--metabolism--ME; Oxidation-Reduction; Oxidoreductases--antagonists and inhibitors--AI; Recombinant Proteins--biosynthesis--BI; Sequence Analysis, DNA; Sequence Homology, Amino Acid; Testosterone--pharmacology--PD

Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/U68759

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Cyclohexanones); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 53-59-8 (NADP); 55-63-0 (Nitroglycerin); 57-85-2 (Testosterone); 930-68-7 (2-cyclohexen-1-one)

Enzyme No.: EC 1. (Oxidoreductases); EC 1.7.99.- (pentaerythritol tetranitrate reductase)

Record Date Created: 19970107

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10561307 96373189 PMID: 8776890

**Crystallization and preliminary X-ray diffraction analysis of
UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyltransferase of Enterobacter cloacae .**

Sack S; Dauter Z; Wanke C; Amrhein N; Mandelkow E; Schonbrunn E
Max-Planck-Unit for Structural Molecular Biology, Hamburg, Germany.

Journal of structural biology (UNITED STATES) Jul-Aug 1996, 117 (1)
p73-6, ISSN 1047-8477 Journal Code: 9011206

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Single crystals of UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyltransferase of Enterobacter cloacae have been grown by vapor diffusion using phosphate buffer as the precipitant. The crystals belong to the monoclinic space group C2 with a = 86.9 A, b = 155.9 A, c = 83.8 A, beta = 91.6 degrees. Assuming two monomers per asymmetric unit, the solvent content of these crystals is 63%. Flash-frozen crystals diffract to beyond 2 A resolution.

Descriptors: *Enterobacter cloacae--enzymology--EN; *Transferases
--chemistry--CH; Crystallization; Crystallography, X-Ray; Protein
Conformation; Recombinant Proteins--chemistry--CH

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Recombinant Proteins)

Enzyme No.: EC 2. (Transferases); EC 2.5.1.7 (UDP-N-acetylglucosamine
1-carboxyvinyltransferase)

Record Date Created: 19970508

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08161175 94227050 PMID: 8172894

**Role of residue Lys315 in the mechanism of action of the Enterobacter
cloacae 908R beta-lactamase.**

Monnaie D; Dubus A; Cooke D; Marchand-Brynaert J; Normark S; Frere J M
Centre d'Ingenierie des Proteines, Universite de Liege, Belgium.

Biochemistry (UNITED STATES) May 3 1994, 33 (17) p5193-201, ISSN
0006-2960 Journal Code: 0370623

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The role of the highly conserved Lys315 residue in the catalytic mechanism of a class C beta-lactamase has been probed by site-directed mutagenesis. Lys315 has been replaced by a histidine in the Enterobacter cloacae 908R beta-lactamase, thus introducing a tritratable group to probe the role of the positive charge, and by a glutamine. The effects of these mutations have been studied on the kinetics of penicillin G and cephalothin turnover and on the pre-steady-state kinetics with carbenicillin at different pH. Results showed that substrate binding was not impaired by the mutations, so that an interaction with the substrate-free carboxylate in the Henri-Michaelis complex could be ruled out. Lys315 must have a catalytic role as shown by the decreased acylation and deacylation rates observed with the mutant enzymes. The mutants exhibited a lower activity at acidic pH, and this observation could be correlated with a decreased affinity for (3-aminophenyl)boronate, a compound devoid of free carboxylate which binds to the active site and forms an adduct mimicking the tetrahedral intermediate. This suggested that Lys315 was somehow involved in accelerating the nucleophilic substitutions along the reaction pathway. The study was extended to modified substrates where the free carboxylate had been esterified. Neither acylation nor deacylation seemed severely impaired with these compounds, showing that the interaction between the enzyme and the substrate-free carboxylate did not play a major role in catalysis.

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Enterobacter cloacae--enzymology--EN; *Lysine;
*beta-Lactamases--chemistry--CH; *beta-Lactamases--metabolism--ME; Amino
Acid Sequence; Base Sequence; Conserved Sequence; Escherichia coli;
Histidine; Hydrogen-Ion Concentration; Kinetics; Magnetic Resonance
Spectroscopy; Molecular Sequence Data; Mutagenesis, Site-Directed;
Oligodeoxyribonucleotides; Penicillins--chemical synthesis--CS; Penicillin
s--metabolism--ME; Plasmids; **Recombinant** Proteins--biosynthesis--BI;
Recombinant Proteins--chemistry--CH; **Recombinant** Proteins--metabolism
--ME; Spectrophotometry, Infrared; Substrate Specificity; beta-Lactamases
--biosynthesis--BI
CAS Registry No.: 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Penicillins); 0
(Plasmids); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 56-87-1 (Lysine); 71-00-1
(Histidine)
Enzyme No.: EC 3.5.2.6 (beta-Lactamases)
Record Date Created: 19940608
Record Date Completed: 19940608

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07842310 93297955 PMID: 8517720

**Biochemical properties of a carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase from
Enterobacter cloacae and cloning of the gene into Escherichia coli.**

Nordmann P; Mariotte S; Naas T; Labia R; Nicolas M H
Laboratoire de Microbiologie, Hopital Raymond Poincare, Faculte de
Medecine Paris-Ouest, Garches, France.

Antimicrobial agents and chemotherapy (UNITED STATES) May 1993, 37
(5) p939-46, ISSN 0066-4804 Journal Code: 0315061

Document type: Journal Article

Languages: ENGLISH

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A clinical isolate of *Enterobacter cloacae*, strain NOR-1, exhibited
resistance to imipenem and remained susceptible to extended-spectrum
cephalosporins. Clavulanic acid partially restored the susceptibility of
the strain to imipenem. Two beta-lactamases with isoelectric points (pI) of
6.9 and > 9.2 were detected in strain *E. cloacae* NOR-1; the higher pI
corresponded to AmpC cephalosporinase. Plasmid DNA was not detected in *E.*
cloacae NOR-1 and imipenem resistance could not be transferred into
Escherichia coli JM109. The carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase gene was
cloned into plasmid pACYC184. One **recombinant** plasmid, pPTN1, harbored a
5.3-kb *Sau*3A fragment from *E. cloacae* NOR-1 expressing the
carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase. This enzyme (pI 6.9) hydrolyzed
ampicillin, cephalothin, and imipenem more rapidly than it did meropenem
and aztreonam, but it hydrolyzed extended-spectrum cephalosporins only
weakly and did not hydrolyze cefoxitin. Hydrolytic activity was partially
inhibited by clavulanic acid, sulbactam, and tazobactam, was nonsusceptible
to chelating agents such as EDTA and 1,10-o-phenanthroline, and was
independent of the presence of ZnCl₂. Its relative molecular mass was
30,000 Da. Induction experiments concluded that the carbapenem-hydrolyzing
beta-lactamase biosynthesis was inducible by cefoxitin and imipenem.
Subcloning experiments with HindIII partial digests of pPTN1 resulted in a
recombinant plasmid, designated pPTN2, which contained a 1.3-kb insert
from pPTN1 and which conferred resistance to beta-lactam
antibiotics. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Carbapenems--metabolism--ME; *Enterobacter cloacae
--enzymology--EN; *Enterobacter cloacae--genetics--GE; *Escherichia coli
--enzymology--EN; *Escherichia coli--genetics--GE; *Genes, Bacterial;
*beta-Lactamases--genetics--GE; Cloning, Molecular; DNA, Bacterial
--chemistry--CH; Drug Resistance, Microbial; Hydrolysis; Isoelectric
Focusing; Microbial Sensitivity Tests; Molecular Weight; Nucleic Acid
Hybridization; Sequence Homology, Nucleic Acid; beta-Lactamases
--biosynthesis--BI

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Carbapenems); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

Enzyme No.: EC 3.5.2.6 (beta-Lactamases)

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07484890 92348448 PMID: 1639814

Purification and characterization of indolepyruvate decarboxylase. A novel enzyme for indole-3-acetic acid biosynthesis in Enterobacter cloacae .

Koga J; Adachi T; Hidaka H

Bio Science Laboratories, Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd., Saitama, Japan.

Journal of biological chemistry (UNITED STATES) Aug 5 1992, 267 (22)
p15823-8, ISSN 0021-9258 Journal Code: 2985121R

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Languages: ENGLISH

Main Citation Owner: NLM

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Indolepyruvate decarboxylase, a key enzyme for indole-3-acetic acid biosynthesis, was found in extracts of Enterobacter cloacae. The enzyme catalyzes the decarboxylation of indole-3-pyruvic acid to yield indole-3-acetaldehyde and carbon dioxide. The enzyme was purified to apparent homogeneity from Escherichia coli cells harboring the genetic locus for this enzyme obtained from E. cloacae. The results of gel filtration experiments showed that indolepyruvate decarboxylase is a tetramer with an M(r) of 240,000. In the absence of thiamine pyrophosphate and Mg²⁺, the active tetramers dissociate into inactive monomers and dimers. However, the addition of thiamine pyrophosphate and Mg²⁺ to the inactive monomers and dimers results in the formation of active tetramers. These results indicate that the thiamine pyrophosphate-Mg²⁺ complex functions in the formation of the tetramer, which is the enzymatically active holoenzyme. The enzyme exhibited decarboxylase activity with indole-3-pyruvic acid and pyruvic acid as substrates, but no decarboxylase activity was apparent with L-tryptophan, indole-3-lactic acid, beta-phenylpyruvic acid, oxalic acid, oxaloacetic acid, and acetoacetic acid. The K_m values for indole-3-pyruvic acid and pyruvic acid were 15 microM and 2.5 mM, respectively. These results indicate that indole-3-acetic acid biosynthesis in E. cloacae is mediated by indolepyruvate decarboxylase, which has a high specificity and affinity for indole-3-pyruvic acid.

Descriptors: *Carboxy-Lyases--isolation and purification--IP;
*Carboxy-Lyases--metabolism--ME; *Enterobacter cloacae--enzymology--EN;
Carboxy-Lyases--genetics--GE; Chromatography, Ion Exchange; Cloning,
Molecular; Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel; Enterobacter cloacae
--genetics--GE; Escherichia coli--genetics--GE; Genes, Structural,
Bacterial; Indoleacetic Acids--metabolism--ME; Kinetics; Macromolecular
Systems; Magnesium Chloride--pharmacology--PD; Molecular Weight;
Recombinant Proteins--isolation and purification--IP; Recombinant
Proteins--metabolism--ME

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Indoleacetic Acids); 0 (Macromolecular Systems);
0 (Recombinant Proteins); 7786-30-3 (Magnesium Chloride); 87-51-4
(indoleacetic acid)

Enzyme No.: EC 4.1.1- (indolepyruvate decarboxylase); EC 4.1.1.
(Carboxy-Lyases)

Record Date Created: 19920828

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07001094 91241770 PMID: 2036007

Mobilization of the genetically engineered plasmid pHSV106 from Escherichia coli HB101(pHSV106) to Enterobacter cloacae in drinking water.

Sandt C H; Herson D S
School of Life and Health Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark 19716.
Applied and environmental microbiology (UNITED STATES) Jan 1991, 57
(1) p194-200, ISSN 0099-2240 Journal Code: 7605801
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Languages: ENGLISH
Main Citation Owner: NLM
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We have used triparental matings to demonstrate transfer (mobilization) of the nonconjugative genetically engineered plasmid pHSV106, which contains the thymidine kinase gene of herpes simplex virus cloned into pBR322, from Escherichia coli HB101 to an environmental isolate of Enterobacter cloacae in sterile drinking water. This is the first demonstration of a two-step mobilization of a genetically engineered plasmid in any type of fresh water, including drinking water. Transfer was mediated by R plasmid R100-1 of E. coli ED2149(R100-1). Matings in drinking water at 15, 25, and 35 degrees C yielded **recombinants**, the number of which increased with increasing temperature. Numbers of **recombinants** obtained were 2 orders of magnitude lower than those obtained from matings in Trypticase soy broth. High concentrations of parental organisms (2.6×10^8 to 2.0×10^9 CFU/ml) were required. During 1 week of incubation in drinking water, number of parental organisms and **recombinants** resulting from mobilization remained constant in the absence of indigenous organisms and declined in their presence. Using oligonucleotide probes for the cloned foreign DNA (thymidine kinase gene) and plasmid vector DNA (ampicillin resistance gene), we demonstrated that both genes were transferred to E. cloacae in the mobilization process. In one **recombinant** selected for detailed study, the plasmids containing these genes differed in size from all forms of pHSV106 present in E. coli HB101(pHSV106), indicating that DNA rearrangement had occurred. This **recombinant** maintained its plasmids in unchanged form for 15 days in drinking water. A second rearrangement occurred during serial passage of this **recombinant** on selective media. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Descriptors: *Enterobacter--genetics--GE; *Escherichia coli--genetics--GE; *Plasmids; Cloning, Molecular; Gene Rearrangement; Genes, Bacterial; Genetic Engineering; Genetic Vectors; **Recombination**, Genetic; Transfection; Water Microbiology

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Plasmids)

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06913892 91154203 PMID: 1999406

Cloning, nucleotide sequence, and expression of the nitroreductase gene from Enterobacter cloacae.

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Journal of biological chemistry (UNITED STATES) Mar 5 1991, 266 (7) p4126-30, ISSN 0021-9258 Journal Code: 2985121R

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The "classical" nitroreductases of enteric bacteria are flavoproteins which catalyze the reduction of a variety of nitroaromatic compounds to metabolites which are highly toxic, mutagenic, or carcinogenic. The gene for the nitroreductase Enterobacter cloacae has now been cloned using an antibody specific to this protein. The nucleotide sequence of the structural gene and flanking regions are reported. Sequence analysis indicates that this gene belongs to a gene family of flavoproteins which have not been previously described. Analysis of the 5'-untranslated region

reveals the presence of putative regulatory elements which may be involved in the modulation of the expression of this enzyme. The cloned gene was placed under the control of a T7 promoter for overexpression of the protein in *Escherichia coli*. The expressed **recombinant** protein was purified to homogeneity and exhibited physical, spectral, and catalytic properties identical to the protein isolated from *E. cloacae*.

Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Proteins--genetics--GE; *Enterobacter--genetics--GE; *Genes, Structural, Bacterial; *Nitroreductases--genetics--GE; Amino Acid Sequence; Bacterial Proteins--immunology--IM; Bacterial Proteins--isolation and purification--IP; Base Sequence; Blotting, Western; Cloning, Molecular; DNA, Bacterial--genetics--GE; Enterobacter--enzymology--EN; Molecular Sequence Data; Molecular Weight; Restriction Mapping

Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/M37085; GENBANK/M58580; GENBANK/M61895; GENBANK/M63808; GENBANK/M64255; GENBANK/M64256; GENBANK/M64257; GENBANK/M64258; GENBANK/M64259; GENBANK/M64260; GENBANK/M64485

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

Enzyme No.: EC 1.- (aromatic NADH-dependent nitroreductase); EC 1.7.- (Nitroreductases)

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Molecular characterization of an Enterobacter cloacae outer membrane protein (OmpX).

Stoorvogel J; van Bussel M J; Tommassen J; van de Klundert J A

Department of Medical Microbiology, University Hospital, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Journal of bacteriology (UNITED STATES) Jan 1991, 173 (1) p156-60, ISSN 0021-9193 Journal Code: 2985120R

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A chromosomal gene of *Enterobacter cloacae* encoding an outer membrane protein (OmpX) has been cloned. Overproduction of the OmpX protein decreased the quantity of porins in the outer membrane of the parental strain and of *Escherichia coli* HB101. The *ompX* gene was located by insertions of the gamma delta sequence into the **recombinant** plasmid. The polarity of the gene was determined by in vitro transcription and translation of the gamma delta-containing plasmids. The nucleotide sequence of the *ompX* gene was elucidated by using both inverted terminal repeats of the gamma delta sequence as starting points for M13 dideoxy sequencing. The gene was found to encode a precursor of the OmpX protein consisting of 172 amino acid residues with a molecular mass of 18.6 kDa. The protein contains an N-terminal signal sequence of 23 amino acid residues. The exact cleavage point was established by sequencing the N-terminal part of the mature protein. The OmpX protein has several characteristics in common with outer membrane proteins of gram-negative bacteria. The protein is rather hydrophilic and is devoid of long hydrophobic stretches. On the basis of these results, we present a model for the OmpX protein folding in an outer membrane.

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; *Enterobacter--genetics--GE; *Genes, Structural, Bacterial; Amino Acid Sequence; Base Sequence; Cell Membrane--ultrastructure--UL; Chromosomes, Bacterial; Cloning, Molecular; *Escherichia coli*--genetics--GE; Models, Molecular; Molecular Sequence Data; Plasmids; Protein Conformation; Restriction Mapping

Molecular Sequence Databank No.: GENBANK/M33878; GENBANK/M62909; GENBANK/M63621; GENBANK/M63622; GENBANK/M77223; GENBANK/S70358; GENBANK/S70359; GENBANK/S70363; GENBANK/S70365; GENBANK/S70370

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Plasmids)
; 134632-13-6 (OmpX protein)
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05482992 87161784 PMID: 3030737

Inducible cephalosporinase production in clinical isolates of Enterobacter cloacae is controlled by a regulatory gene that has been deleted from Escherichia coli.

Honore N; Nicolas M H; Cole S T
EMBO journal (ENGLAND) Dec 20 1986, 5 (13) p3709-14, ISSN 0261-4189
Journal Code: 8208664

Document type: Journal Article
Languages: ENGLISH
Main Citation Owner: NLM
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Cephalosporin hyper-resistant Enterobacter cloacae strains are isolated with increasing frequency from hospital infections. Resistance is principally due to the chromosomal ampC gene encoding a cephalosporinase. In contrast to Escherichia coli which expresses ampC constitutively from a promoter located in the upstream frdD gene, E. cloacae displays inducible ampC expression. By cloning the ampC gene it was shown that a linked genetic locus, ampR, mediated the induction by beta-lactams. In the absence of the antibiotic the 30,500 dalton AmpR protein represses ampC expression. The ampR gene shows a highly compact arrangement and is situated between the divergently expressed ampC gene and the frd operon from which it is separated by a bifunctional transcription terminator. The promoters for ampR and ampC substantially overlap and mRNA analyses showed that on induction transcription from the ampC promoter increased greatly whereas that from ampR did not. Two regions of sequence homology flank the ampR gene and it is proposed that a homologous recombination event between these in an ancestral enteric bacterium may have led to the deletion of ampR from the E. coli genome.

Tags: Comparative Study; Human
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**MOLECULAR APPROACHES FOR UNDERSTANDING BIOLOGICAL CONTROL MECHANISMS IN
BACTERIA STUDIES OF THE INTERACTION OF ENTEROBACTER - CLOACAE WITH
PYTHIUM-ULTIMUM**

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ABSTRACT: Biocontrol activity represents a complex process that involves a series of events not unlike those involved in plant pathogenesis or in the establishment of symbiotic plant-microbe associations. This process can be thought of as a series of traits expressed synchronously or in a controlled sequence. Molecular biological techniques provide a means of experimentally isolating DNA sequences that control biocontrol phenotypes so that one can more definitively assess the role of biocontrol genes and their corresponding gene products in biocontrol processes. Since much of the basis for **recombinant** DNA technology has come from our understanding of bacterial genetics, molecular approaches are particularly suited for the study of bacterial-fungal biocontrol systems. A model biocontrol system involving the interaction of the bacterium *Enterobacter cloacae* with the seed rotting fungus *Pythium ultimum* is used to illustrate molecular approaches useful in the study of biocontrol processes. Enterobacterial traits such as exudate stimulant metabolism and adhesive properties and their role in the suppression of *pythium* seed rot are highlighted. Parallels with *Escherichia coli* physiology and genetics are discussed.

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Abstract: A clinical isolate of *Enterobacter cloacae*, strain NOR-1, exhibited resistance to imipenem and remained susceptible to extended-spectrum cephalosporins. Clavulanic acid partially restored the susceptibility of the strain to imipenem. Two beta-lactamases with isoelectric points (pI) of 6.9 and >9.2 were detected in strain E. *cloacae* NOR-1; the higher pI corresponded to AmpC cephalosporinase. Plasmid DNA was not detected in E. *cloacae* NOR-1 and imipenem resistance could not be transferred into *Escherichia coli* JM109. The carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase gene was cloned into plasmid pACYC184. One recombinant plasmid, pPTN1, harbored a 5.3-kb Sau3A fragment from E. *cloacae* NOR-1 expressing the carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase. This enzyme (pI 6.9) hydrolyzed ampicillin, cephalothin, and imipenem more rapidly than it did meropenem and aztreonam, but it hydrolyzed extended-spectrum cephalosporins only weakly and did not hydrolyze ceftazidime. Hydrolytic activity was partially inhibited by clavulanic acid, sulbactam, and tazobactam, was nonsusceptible to chelating agents such as EDTA and 1,10-o-phenanthroline, and was independent of the presence of ZnCl₂. Its relative molecular mass was 30,000 Da. Induction experiments concluded that the carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase biosynthesis was inducible by ceftazidime and imipenem. Subcloning experiments with HindIII partial digests of pPTN1 resulted in a recombinant plasmid, designated pPTN2, which contained a 1.3-kb insert from pPTN1 and which conferred resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics. Hybridization studies performed with a 1.2-kb HindIII fragment from pPTN2 failed to determine any homology with ampC of E. *cloacae*, with other known beta-lactamase genes commonly found in members of the family Enterobacteriaceae (bla(TEM-1) and blas(SHV-3) derivatives), and with previously described carbapenemase genes such as those from *Xanthomonas maltophilia*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacteroides fragilis* (cfiA), and *Aeromonas hydrophila* (cphA). This work describing the biochemical properties of a novel chromosome-encoded beta-lactamase from E. *cloacae* indicates that this enzyme differs from all the previously described carbapenemases. This is the first reported cloning of a carbapenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamase gene from a member of the family Enterobacteriaceae.

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TEXT

Sooner or later bacteria develop resistance to virtually any antimicrobial agent. Resistance has many consequences. The patient infected with a drug-resistant as opposed to a drug-sensitive organism is more likely to require hospitalization and have a longer hospital stay and has an increased risk of death (Ref. 1). Resistance also compels the use of more toxic or more expensive alternative drugs (Ref. 2). The unrecognized cost of antibiotic resistance in the United States has been estimated as at least \$100 million annually (Ref. 3). Resistance thus affects the antibiotic options available to every practitioner and is no less a problem in the developing world (Ref. 4).

The evaluation of a new antimicrobial agent typically reveals some organisms that are naturally resistant and others that appear to be susceptible, thus defining the spectrum of activity for that agent. Laboratory tests can estimate the likelihood that resistance will develop, but often the important mechanisms for resistance emerge only with clinical use. Despite their versatility, bacteria have a limited number of mechanisms of acquired antimicrobial resistance, including a change in the drug target, the production of a detoxifying enzyme, or decreased antibiotic uptake (Table 1). Alterations in the target include both reduction of receptor affinity and the substitution of an alternative pathway, whereas decreased uptake may occur through either diminished permeability or an active efflux system. Furthermore, a resistant organism may use more than one of these strategies. Diminished accumulation, for example, can augment the other resistance mechanisms synergistically.

*Table 1. Major Mechanisms of Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents *. **TABLE OMITTED**

Resistance may arise by a mutation that reduces target affinity or allows the overproduction of a drug-modifying enzyme. Sometimes the insertion of foreign DNA by recombination accomplishes the same end. More often resistance genes are carried on extrachromosomal plasmids that may be transferable from organism to organism by conjugation, transduction, or transformation (Ref. 21). The genes may even be packaged in units of DNA called transposons that allow them to jump from one DNA site to another, thus further facilitating the spread of resistance.

The topic of bacterial resistance to antibiotics has been reviewed periodically (Ref. 22-25). This article will focus on new resistance mechanisms that have appeared in response to the widespread use of newer, broad-spectrum antibiotics and the increased and often indiscriminate use of older agents. Novel mechanisms have appeared, as well as alterations of old mechanisms to mediate resistance to new antimicrobial agents. Old resistance genes have been acquired by new hosts, and some bacteria have accumulated resistance to a multiplicity of antimicrobial agents. Only drugs currently available commercially in the United States will be considered. Ultimately, knowledge of how resistance to antimicrobial agents develops should aid in limiting the evolution and spread of resistant pathogens.

Resistance to Broad-Spectrum beta-Lactam Antibiotics in Gram-Negative Organisms

The development of new beta-lactam antibiotics has been inspired by the success of bacteria in developing resistance to the older ones. Thus, just as semisynthetic penicillins such as methicillin, oxacillin, and nafcillin were perfected to overcome penicillinase-producing *Staphylococcus aureus*, broad-spectrum cephalosporins, carbapenems, and monocyclic

beta-lactam antibiotics (monobactams) were developed to deal with beta-lactamase-producing gram-negative pathogens that were resistant to ampicillin, carbenicillin, piperacillin, or ticarcillin (Table 2). *Table 2. Characteristics of Broad-Spectrum Resistance to b-Lactam Antibiotics *. **TABLE OMITTED**

Bacteria have met this challenge in various ways. Virtually all gram-negative bacteria have a chromosomal gene for beta-lactamase called *ampC* that encodes an enzyme more active in hydrolyzing cephalosporins than penicillins. In enterobacter species, serratia species, indole-positive proteus species, *Citrobacter freundii*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and a few other organisms, additional genes regulate the production of this beta-lactamase. These bacteria can undergo single-step mutations to constitutive, high-level enzyme production (Ref. 26). Even though the AmpC enzyme hydrolyzes broad-spectrum cephalosporins poorly, if enough AmpC beta-lactamase is made, resistance results (Ref. 27,28). Consequently, initially susceptible strains of *Enterobacter cloacae* and other organisms in which beta-lactamase production can be induced have become resistant during therapy with broad-spectrum cephalosporins at rates in the range of 10 to 20 percent (Ref. 29). The chromosomal beta-lactamase of *Escherichia coli* is not inducible and normally is made in such low amounts that it does not contribute appreciably to beta-lactam resistance. However, clinical strains resistant to ampicillin and cephalosporins have been isolated that make large amounts of chromosomal enzyme because the promoter for *ampC* has been altered to allow more efficient expression. In several isolates this strong promoter resembles that normally found in *shigella* species changed by a single nucleotide, so that these *Esch. coli* appear to owe their resistance to a regulatory element from another genus taking over beta-lactamase production (Ref. 30).

In most gram-negative organisms beta-lactam resistance results from a plasmid-mediated beta-lactamase. More than 30 varieties can be distinguished on the basis of biochemical criteria such as the substrate profile and isoelectric point, but by far the most common plasmid-encoded enzyme is TEM-1; SHV-1 is also frequent in *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and PSE-1 is the most common variety on plasmids in *P. aeruginosa* (Ref. 14). These enzymes confer resistance to ampicillin, carbenicillin, ticarcillin, cephalothin, and cefamandole but not to broad-spectrum cephalosporins, monobactams, or cephamycins. Consequently, it was unexpected when plasmid-mediated resistance to expanded-spectrum beta-lactam antibiotics was reported from Europe in 1983 (Ref. 31) and was shown to result from an extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (Ref. 32). Subsequently, plasmid-mediated beta-lactamases with extended spectrums have been reported from around the world (Ref. 33,34) in a variety of gram-negative pathogens, but especially in *K. pneumoniae*. The enzymes provide resistance to oxyimino-beta-lactams such as cefotaxime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, and aztreonam (a monobactam) (Ref. 35). Some are related to TEM-1, some to TEM-2 (a biochemical twin of TEM-1 except for one amino acid), and some to SHV-1. At least 16 varieties related to TEM (Ref. 36) and 4 related to SHV have been distinguished. The extended-spectrum beta-lactamases differ from their progenitors by one, two, or three amino acid substitutions that alter the configuration around a serine at the active site of the enzyme, thus increasing its affinity for broad-spectrum beta-lactam antibiotics. In the laboratory, similar mutant enzymes can be selected by exposure to broad-spectrum cephalosporins, (Ref. 32,37,38) making it likely that extended-spectrum beta-lactamases can emerge wherever antibiotic use favors their selection.

Strains producing a TEM-related or SHV-related beta-lactamase with an extended spectrum remain susceptible to cephamycins such as cefoxitin or cefotetan and to combination therapy with a beta-lactamase inhibitor, such as clavulanic acid or sulbactam. In fact, the ability of a disk containing one of these inhibitors to restore susceptibility near a disk containing aztreonam, cefotaxime, ceftazidime, or ceftriaxone provides an excellent screening test for the presence of this mechanism of resistance (Ref. 34). Recently, a third type of plasmid-mediated, extended-spectrum beta-lactamase has appeared. This enzyme provides resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics with a 7 alpha-methoxy group, such as cefoxitin, cefotetan, or moxalactam, as well as to oxyimino-beta-lactam antibiotics; it is not inhibited by clavulanic acid or sulbactam; and it is related not to SHV or TEM but to the AmpC beta-lactamase of *Ent. cloacae* (Ref. 39). How common this form of resistance will become remains to be seen.

All three types of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase are unable to

confer resistance to imipenem, (Ref. 35) but a few organisms produce specialized imipenem-hydrolyzing beta-lactamases, including rare isolates of *Serratia marcescens*, Ent. *cloacae*, and *Bacteroides fragilis* (Ref. 40,41) and virtually all **strains** of *Xanthomonas* (formerly *Pseudomonas*) *maltophilia* (Ref. 42). The responsible genes are chromosomal, which should limit the spread of such beta-lactamases to other bacteria. In a few organisms imipenem resistance has been associated with altered penicillin-binding **proteins** (Ref. 43,44). *P. aeruginosa* can also rather readily become resistant specifically to imipenem through the loss of an outer-membrane **protein** that provides a channel for the entry of imipenem, (Ref. 45) and a similar mechanism has been proposed for imipenem resistance in Ent. *aerogenes* (Ref. 46).

Methicillin Resistance in Staphylococci

In staphylococci beta-lactamase has shown much less apparent diversity, although some variation in substrate specificity has recently been recognized among the four long-known immunotypes of staphylococcal penicillinase (Ref. 47) and may have clinical importance (Ref. 48). The enzyme is normally inducible, but if produced constitutively at high levels, it has enough activity against some semisynthetic penicillins to cause borderline resistance in vitro to methicillin or particularly oxacillin (Ref. 49). This laboratory finding, however, seems not to be associated with therapeutic failures (Ref. 50,51).

True methicillin resistance has a different basis that involves the production of an enzyme able to maintain cell-wall integrity during **growth** and division when native enzymes (penicillin-binding **proteins**) needed for assembly of the cell wall are inactivated by beta-lactam antibiotics. In the typical methicillin-resistant **strain** of *Staph. aureus* the new drug-resistant target, termed penicillin-binding **protein** 2a (PBP 2a) or 2' (PBP 2'), mediates clinically relevant resistance to all beta-lactam antibiotics and is encoded by an acquired chromosomal gene (*mecA*) that is absent from organisms susceptible to methicillin. Identical *mecA* genes have been found in coagulase-positive and coagulase-negative staphylococci with the appropriate methicillin-resistant phenotype (Ref. 52). In a few *Staph. aureus* **strains** with a low level of resistance to methicillin, the *mecA* gene and PBP 2a are absent, but other penicillin-binding **proteins** are modified in beta-lactam reactivity (Ref. 53).

The spread of staphylococcal clones carrying the PBP 2a gene or the horizontal transfer of the gene itself has resulted in the worldwide dissemination of methicillin-resistant staphylococci (Ref. 54,55). In the United States, methicillin-resistant **strains** of *Staph. aureus* are no longer present only in the large tertiary care teaching hospitals that were once their predominant province but have moved into large and small non-teaching hospitals and into community nursing homes (Ref. 56,57). They now represent approximately 15 percent of all nosocomial *Staph. aureus* isolates (Ref. 58). The prevalence of resistance among nosocomial coagulase-negative staphylococci is even higher: 75 percent of *Staph. epidermidis* **strains** and 80 percent of *Staph. haemolyticus* **strains** are resistant, according to recent surveys (Ref. 58,59).

The expression of beta-lactam resistance mediated by PBP 2a varies remarkably. Homogeneous **strains** express resistance uniformly in every member of the population, whereas in heterogeneous **strains** only 1 in 10 (sup 3) to 10 (sup 6) cells of a **culture** expresses resistance. Three genetic systems have been described that influence the expression of *mecA* or its gene product. First, it has been observed that the production of PBP 2a is induced by beta-lactam antibiotics when the cell contains both the *mecA* gene and a plasmid carrying genes for the inducible production of penicillinase (Ref. 60). Sequencing has revealed that the promoter regions of the *mecA* and penicillinase genes are similar, accounting for the coordinate regulation of their genes (Ref. 61). However, although the amount of PBP 2a is clearly subject to induction in the presence of penicillinase-regulatory genes, it is not clear that the quantity of PBP 2a is related to the homogeneous or heterogeneous expression of resistance (Ref. 62). The second gene related to the expression of methicillin resistance has been called *femA* (Ref. 63). When this gene was inactivated in a typical heterogeneously resistant **strain**, the susceptible population of cells increased 1000-fold (Ref. 64). The *femA* gene is far removed from *mecA* and has no effect on the level of PBP 2a production. The mechanism by which its gene product influences the expression of methicillin resistance is unknown. A third regulatory system has recently been found in *Staph.*

epidermidis (Ref. 65). Sequences just upstream from *mecA* in a highly heterogeneous clinical isolate appear to repress the expression of PBP 2a. When these sequences were deleted, both PBP 2a expression and the level of resistance increased. These sequences were not related to the penicillinase-regulatory genes described above.

Heterotypical expression of resistance is a particularly vexing problem because such resistant staphylococci are often difficult to detect in the clinical-microbiology laboratory yet appear to be as resistant to treatment with beta-lactam antibiotics as their homogeneous counterparts (reviewed by Chambers (Ref. 66)). Detection systems based on identifying the *mecA* gene or gene products might be preferable to many of the phenotype-based tests, particularly those used in rapid, automated systems (Ref. 67). The relations among the phenotypic expression of methicillin resistance, the quantity of PBP 2a, and the additional genes affecting the expression of resistance are clearly complex and must be elucidated before a complete understanding of the nature of methicillin resistance can be achieved.

Low-Affinity Penicillin-Binding **Proteins** as a Resistance Mechanism in Other Organisms

The *mecA* gene is confined to staphylococci, but other organisms also produce low-affinity penicillin-binding **proteins** as a mechanism of resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics. The uniformly poor activity of beta-lactam antibiotics against enterococci is the result of a low-affinity penicillin-binding **protein** (Ref. 68). Penicillin-resistant pneumococci have several penicillin-binding **proteins** with decreased penicillin-binding affinity, and each contributes incrementally to resistance (Ref. 69). Sequencing studies have shown that a resistant penicillin-binding **protein** gene is so different from that found in penicillin-sensitive pneumococci that it could not have arisen by mutation. The gene has a mosaic structure with segments similar to those of a sensitive penicillin-binding **protein** alternating with segments that must have come from another organism, presumably another type of streptococcus (Ref. 70). Penicillin-resistant pneumococci are found in the United States, but their prevalence is still low (Ref. 71). Although resistance is usually slight (minimal inhibitory concentration, 0.1 to 2.0 microg per milliliter), it is sufficient to produce penicillin treatment failures in cases of meningitis (Ref. 72). Higher levels of resistance (minimal inhibitory concentration, 2.0 to 8.0 microg per milliliter) have been associated with the failure of therapy for pneumonia and bacteremia (Ref. 73). As a result, general testing of pneumococci for susceptibility to penicillin is now recommended (Ref. 74).

Altered penicillin-binding **proteins** have also been reported in clinical isolates of *Haemophilus influenzae*, (Ref. 75) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, (Ref. 76) and *N. meningitidis* that were resistant to penicillin or ampicillin and did not produce beta-lactamase (Ref. 77). As with the pneumococcus, the PBP 2 gene of the resistant meningococcus is a mosaic of segments similar to the gene from a sensitive **strain** and segments identical to those of a commensal *neisseria* species (Ref. 78). The PBP 2 gene of a resistant gonococcus has a similar hybrid structure (Ref. 79). It seems more than coincidental that the bacteria demonstrating such **recombinant** genes for penicillin-binding **proteins** are naturally transformable and so can acquire homologous DNA from related species (Ref. 79).

Transmissible Resistance to Vancomycin

Vancomycin has become the mainstay of parenteral therapy for gram-positive bacteria resistant to beta-lactam antibiotics and for patients allergic to beta-lactam antibiotics. The increasing prevalence of methicillin-resistant staphylococci was followed by a remarkable increase in the use of vancomycin by hospitals. Resistance to vancomycin had not been described since its introduction in the 1960s, but with increased use, reports of vancomycin resistance began to appear. First, infections with commensal bacteria naturally resistant to the antibiotic, such as *leuconostoc*, (Ref. 80) *lactobacillus*, (Ref. 81) and *Staph. haemolyticus*, (Ref. 82) were described. However, a report from France in 1988 (Ref. 83) that a bacterium, *Enterococcus faecium*, was resistant to vancomycin by virtue of a gene (*vanA*) carried on a transmissible plasmid was especially disturbing. Fortunately, the plasmid encoding vancomycin resistance could not be transferred to *Staph. aureus*, but it could be transmitted to other streptococci. Subsequently, additional vancomycin-resistance genes were

found in *Enterococcus faecalis* (Ref. 84).

Vancomycin blocks the synthesis of bacterial cell walls by binding to the d-alanyl-d-alanine terminus of the peptidoglycan stem peptide (Ref. 85). Resistance to vancomycin is associated with the production of a new membrane-associated **protein** of 39 to 40 kd that competitively inhibits this binding (Ref. 12). The **protein** appears to act as a carboxypeptidase to remove the terminal d-Ala from the pentapeptide, thus preventing access of vancomycin to its target. Although initially seen in France and England, (Ref. 86) vancomycin-resistant enterococci have since been found in the United States (Ref. 87). Whether or not a similar resistance gene has the potential for conferring vancomycin resistance on methicillin-resistant **strains** of *Staph. aureus* has not yet been established.

Resistance to Amikacin

Amikacin, a semisynthetic derivative of kanamycin, was designed to be a poor substrate for many of the modifying enzymes that attack gentamicin, tobramycin, or its parent, kanamycin. Hence, amikacin has been effective against many clinical isolates resistant to other aminoglycosides. When it has been used as the predominant aminoglycoside, the level of amikacin resistance has remained low in some hospitals (Ref. 88-90) but has increased in others (Ref. 91-93). When resistance to amikacin has increased, one of the mechanisms listed in Table 3 has been involved. Some gram-negative organisms, especially *P. aeruginosa*, can become resistant to amikacin by nonenzymatic mechanisms that decrease the general uptake of aminoglycosides, (Ref. 94) such as those altering energy metabolism (Ref. 101) or the lipopolysaccharide structure of the cell wall (Ref. 102). Other organisms rely on enzymatic modification, which is usually encoded by plasmids and hence potentially transmissible. In gram-negative pathogens the 6'-acetyltransferase mechanism is the most common and is determined by at least two gene types (Ref. 103). Several 3'-phosphotransferases can provide amikacin resistance, (Ref. 92,95,96) whereas a 4'-nucleotidyltransferase that modifies amikacin is a new addition to the gram-negative resistance repertoire (Ref. 93). *Table 3Mechanisms of Amikacin Resistance *. **TABLE OMITTED**

Aminoglycoside Resistance in Gram-Positive Cocci

In staphylococci, resistance to gentamicin, the most widely used antistaphylococcal aminoglycoside, is mediated almost exclusively by enzyme modification. The bifunctional 6'-acetylating and 2''-phosphorylating enzyme (Table 3) is the most common. Resistance to amikacin, kanamycin, and tobramycin is mediated by the domain having 6'-acetylating activity, whereas resistance to gentamicin results from the 2''-phosphorylating activity toward the carboxy terminal of the **protein** (Ref. 104). Homologous genes encoding this activity have been found in *Staph. aureus* and many different species of coagulase-negative staphylococci, encoded by both plasmids and transposable DNA elements (Ref. 59,105,106). Plasmids carrying this gene have been shown to move among staphylococcal species by conjugation and may be partially responsible for the rapid increase in gentamicin resistance among staphylococci in the United States during the past decade (Ref. 107,108). Additional, different aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes that mediate resistance to streptomycin, neomycin, and amikacin have been found in staphylococci, but they are less prevalent and of less clinical importance (Ref. 109).

Enterococci are naturally resistant to clinically achievable concentrations of streptomycin or gentamicin, but the addition of some beta-lactam antibiotics allows entry of the aminoglycoside into the cell and produces a synergistic combination that results in cell death. Enterococci that are highly resistant to gentamicin by virtue of plasmid-mediated enzymes that inactivate aminoglycosides were first reported in 1979 and have become more common over the past decade (reviewed by Patterson and Zervos (Ref. 110)). These isolates are resistant to synergistic killing by beta-lactam and aminoglycoside antibiotics. Outbreaks have been described in which more than 50 percent of the enterococcal isolates from some hospitals were resistant to aminoglycosides (Ref. 110). The most prevalent enterococcal gene for gentamicin resistance is homologous to the bifunctional 6'-acetylating and 2''-phosphorylating enzyme of *Staph. aureus*. Its prevalence may be due to its location on both a highly efficient conjugative plasmid and a mobile genetic element (Ref. 111).

Resistance to Fluoroquinolones

Bacteria can mutate to become resistant to ciprofloxacin or

norfloxacin just as they could to older nonfluorinated quinolones, such as nalidixic acid and oxolinic acid. Fortunately, for many bacterial species the frequency of a mutation conferring resistance to ciprofloxacin or norfloxacin is 100 to 1000 times lower than for nalidixic acid, and the level of resistance attained in a single step is usually lower than the achievable serum quinolone concentration (Ref. 112).

Quinolones antagonize bacteria by inhibiting DNA gyrase, an essential bacterial enzyme with A and B subunits. Some *Esch. coli* mutants resistant to quinolones have a gyrase target altered in either the A or B subunit at particular sites (Ref. 113,114). In other mutants, the amount of an outer-membrane porin **protein** (OmpF) is diminished and the accumulation of quinolones is decreased. This decreased accumulation is energy-dependent and may require an active quinolone efflux system located on the inner bacterial membrane (Ref. 115,116). Mutants or clinical isolates with the highest levels of fluoroquinolone resistance generally have alterations in both the gyrase target and the accumulation of drugs. Resistance to fluoroquinolone that is mediated by plasmid-encoded genes (Ref. 117) or by drug modification or destruction has not yet been documented.

Mutations in DNA gyrase confer resistance only to quinolones, but alterations in outer-membrane **proteins** provide cross-resistance to chemically unrelated antibiotics such as tetracycline and chloramphenicol (Ref. 112). Conversely, low levels of tetracycline or chloramphenicol can select *Esch. coli* mutants that also have low-level resistance to fluoroquinolones. From such a multiple-antibiotic-resistant (Mar) mutant, high-level resistance to norfloxacin can be selected at a frequency 1000 times greater than from a nonmutant *mar*(sup +) cell, thus illustrating how exposure to multiple antibiotics could elicit otherwise rare events (Ref. 118).

Mutants with low-level resistance to multiple antimicrobial agents, including quinolones, have been selected from *Ent. cloacae*, *K. pneumoniae*, *P. aeruginosa*, *Ser. marcescens*, and other gram-negative organisms (Ref. 119). Typical findings are shown in Table 4. Clinical isolates with similar properties have also been described (Ref. 126-128). Despite this potential for resistance, at present most clinical isolates remain susceptible to fluoroquinolones. There are indications, however, that resistance to quinolones is increasing in *P. aeruginosa* (Ref. 129) and in both coagulase-positive (Ref. 130) and coagulase-negative (Ref. 131) staphylococci. *Table 4. Effects of Alterations in Outer-Membrane **Proteins** on Susceptibility to Antimicrobial Agents *. **TABLE OMITTED**

Evolution of Resistance to Multiple Antibiotics

All too often, resistant clinical isolates are resistant to a number of useful antimicrobial agents. "Multiresistance" occurs when the same mechanism confers resistance to several agents, such as those that share a common porin pathway into the cell (Table 4) or have a common target for a particular modifying enzyme (Table 3). There is also a strong tendency for individual resistance genes to cluster, sometimes on the bacterial chromosome, as is the case for methicillin-resistant *Staph. aureus*, but more often on resistance (R) plasmids. Resistant Enterobacteriaceae frequently contain multiple plasmids, the larger of which can carry genes for resistance to 10 or more antimicrobial agents. In part this is the result of having survived in a nosocomial environment in which multiple antibiotics are employed, but it also reflects how R plasmids evolved.

Plasmids have been found in gram-negative bacteria preserved since the pre-antibiotic era that resemble those now recognized as R plasmids, except that the early isolates lack resistance genes (Ref. 132). Resistance genes on contemporary plasmids are often associated with mobile genetic elements, being either near an insertion sequence or part of a transposon. Both kinds of element facilitate rearrangements of DNA that could result in the acquisition of resistance genes by a plasmid (Ref. 133). In addition, a new type of DNA element has recently been described on a number of plasmids that includes a site-specific integration system that facilitates the capture of resistance genes and also provides a promoter sequence for their efficient expression (Ref. 134-136). The operation of such a unit can result in tandem linkage of resistance genes, such as the all too convenient (from the point of view of the bacterium) association on one plasmid of resistance to both sulfonamides and trimethoprim. Another aspect of multiresistance is that any one of the antimicrobial agents affected can maintain selection for resistance to the group, as is illustrated by the need to restrict the use of kanamycin and tetracycline as well as

ampicillin and carbenicillin to rid a burn unit of *P. aeruginosa* with plasmids encoding linked resistance to carbenicillin, kanamycin, and tetracycline (Ref. 137).

Staph. aureus is a relatively recent example of the construction and global spread of a multiresistant pathogen. A compilation of the resistance phenotypes and the location of their genes is shown in Table 5 (for a comprehensive review, see Lyon and Skurray (Ref. 106)).

Methicillin-resistant *Staph. aureus* typically carry four or more of the resistance genes shown in Table 5. The accumulation of genes is often associated with one particular insertion sequence-like element (Ref. 141,142) that either provides independent mobility or serves as a fixed site for recombination, allowing individual genes or entire plasmids to change their genetic location. *Table 5. Multiresistance in Staphylococci

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Origin and Dissemination of Resistance Genes

The theory that some resistance genes originated as a protective mechanism for an antibiotic-producing organism has been validated by the finding of aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes in aminoglycoside-producing **strains** of streptomyces (Ref. 143) that have marked homology to modifying enzymes found in bacteria resistant to aminoglycosides (Ref. 144). DNA sequencing has also revealed fundamental similarities between resistance genes found in gram-positive bacteria and those found in gram-negative bacteria, including plasmid-mediated beta-lactamase, (Ref. 145) aminoglycoside-modifying enzymes, (Ref. 146) and genes for tetracycline resistance (Ref. 19). One of the determinants of tetracycline resistance, Tet M, is particularly common, having been identified in gram-positive staphylococci, streptococci, and enterococci; gram-negative *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *H. ducreyi*, *N. gonorrhoeae*, and *N. meningitidis*; anaerobic *Clostridium difficile*, *Fusobacterium nucleatum*, and *peptostreptococcus* species; and *Mycoplasma hominis* and *Ureaplasma urealyticum* (Ref. 147). Carriage of Tet M by a conjugative transposon is a likely explanation for this wide distribution (Ref. 148).

The transposability of TEM beta-lactamase (Ref. 149) has also facilitated its spread to new hosts. The appearance of the TEM enzyme in *H. influenzae* and *N. gonorrhoeae* in the 1970s was due to the insertion of all or part of a TEM transposon into previously cryptic plasmids present in these organisms, converting them to beta-lactamase production (Ref. 150). Currently in the United States, 20 percent of *H. influenzae* isolates (but 32 percent of type b) (Ref. 151) and 4.5 percent of gonococcal isolates (but more than 20 percent in some large metropolitan centers) (Ref. 152) produce beta-lactamase. After further delay, TEM-1 beta-lactamase has recently appeared in *N. meningitidis* (Ref. 153). The ability to produce beta-lactamase is also spreading among gram-positive organisms. *Enterococcus faecalis* was first found to produce beta-lactamase in 1983, (Ref. 154) and since then enterococcal isolates producing the enzyme have been increasingly recognized (Ref. 155). The beta-lactamase structural gene has been shown to hybridize with a staphylococcal beta-lactamase gene probe, (Ref. 156) but the enzyme is expressed in the streptococcal host at a low, constitutive level instead of being inducible, as in staphylococci. Production of beta-lactamase enhances resistance to ampicillin or penicillin and prevents the bactericidal activity of combinations of aminoglycosides and penicillins. The production of beta-lactamase has not yet been reported in other streptococcal species, but the possibility that the beta-lactamase gene could spread further on a plasmid with a broad range of streptococcal hosts is indeed disquieting.

These examples illustrate that resistance genes are not as confined to particular bacterial species as are the plasmids that so often carry them, but rather have the potential for wide distribution among bacteria. Table 6 summarizes resistance mechanisms for particular organisms. An important corollary of this wide dissemination is that the inappropriate use of antibiotics, whether in humans or in animals, can encourage the selection of resistance and that resistance selected in a harmless bacterium may ultimately cause problems in a pathogenic one. *Table 6. Major Resistance Mechanisms Present in Particular Organisms *. **TABLE OMITTED**

Prospects for the Future

If current practice prevails, the trends in antimicrobial resistance seen in the past decade will continue into the next century. Developing countries and hospitals will be the breeding grounds and reservoirs for the evolution and maintenance of resistance genes and multiresistant **strains**

that will impede both current and future chemotherapy. There are two chief areas of concern. The first is that pathogens for the normal host will acquire a critical complement of resistance and virulence genes, leading to widespread dissemination and serious infection in the community. The second is that bacteria resistant to all available chemotherapy will become the predominant nosocomial pathogens. The specter of draconian isolation precautions and closed wards looms over the latter possibility. What can be done to alter these gloomy prospects? Of foremost importance is the continued effort to control the use of antimicrobial agents in both humans and animals. Guidelines developed under the auspices of the Infectious Diseases Society of America for improving the use of antimicrobial agents by hospitals (Ref. 176) and a comprehensive report by a National Academy of Science and Institute of Medicine panel detailing the risks and benefits of the use of antimicrobial agents in animal feed (Ref. 177) are important efforts to deal with aspects of the problem of the use of antimicrobial agents in this country. Worldwide surveillance for resistance will help identify factors leading to the emergence and spread of resistant isolates in developing countries and may uncover new resistance genes that will alert the world to impending problems (Ref. 2).

Continued efforts by the pharmaceutical industry to develop new antimicrobial agents should be based on knowledge of resistance mechanisms (Ref. 178). Agents targeted to block specific resistance mechanisms, like the beta-lactamase inhibitors clavulanic acid and sulbactam, should be sought. ``Designer drugs'' engineered to thwart specific resistance-gene products and drug modeling to produce agents that inhibit new bacterial targets are increasingly feasible (Ref. 179). Perhaps novel antimicrobial agents directed at hardy nosocomial pathogens should be used initially in combination to limit the emergence of resistance, in the manner of chemotherapy for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Ref. 180).

Finally, molecular geneticists may be able to engineer genes capable of inactivating specific determinants of resistance. Carried in ``Trojan-horse'' bacteria that are preferential colonizers, these antiresistance genes could be selected for dissemination. Although this scheme may seem futuristic, it is likely to be through the powerful tools of molecular biology and computer modeling that we shall acquire novel weapons with which to wage war against antimicrobial resistance in the 21st century

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for this discrepancy concerns the cellular ATP levels. In aerobic cells the ATP levels dropped 10- to 15-fold within 1 min of adding KCN and then increased gradually over the next 30 min. Similarly, the addition of 2 mM iodoacetic acid, an inhibitor of glycolysis, to anaerobic, log phase, SDS-containing cultures caused rapid lysis. However, unlike the situation for KCN-treated aerobic cells, lysis still occurred when SDS (0.5%) was added 30 min after addition of iodoacetic acid. The reason for this difference is that in anaerobic cells, ATP levels dropped 10- to 12-fold within 5 min of the addition of iodoacetic acid and then did not increase over the next 30 min. Evidence that the energy requirement was for ATP was provided by uptake experiments with [14C]benzoic acid and alpha-[14C]isoaminobutyric acid that showed that the proton gradient (Δ pH) and the membrane potential (Δ psi) were the same in cells grown in the presence or absence of SDS. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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We examined the sensitivity of several BACTEC media options for the detection of bacteremia and fungemia in children at two pediatric health care facilities. At one institution a single aerobic bottle containing PEDS Plus medium was as sensitive in identifying positive blood cultures as the combination of aerobic and anaerobic media (77% vs. 80%; $P = 1.0$). When data from both facilities were combined, a blood culture set containing both aerobic and anaerobic media detected significantly more positive blood cultures than any single aerobic medium. However, the aerobic/anaerobic bottle combination was not significantly better than a blood culture set containing two aerobic media and, in absolute terms, the latter identified more cases of bacteremia. Of the 116 clinically significant episodes of bacteremia identified in this study, only 1 was caused by an anaerobic bacterium. We conclude that the routine use of anaerobic media for blood cultures of pediatric patients might be unnecessary but that the use of two different aerobic media could increase the sensitivity of the BACTEC blood culture system.

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Microbial studies of a tissue bank of cryopreserved human islet cells.

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Bacteremia due to transplantation of contaminated cryopreserved pancreatic islets.

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OBJECTIVE. To report two cases of pancreatic islet transplantation-related septicemia, and the results of an investigative protocol to identify potential sources of contamination. DESIGN. Case series. SETTING. University hospital clinical investigational islet transplantation program. RESULTS. The last two of our first seven islet transplantation recipients developed *Enterobacter cloacae* septicemia within hours of islet infusion. Both had received thawed cryopreserved islet infusions. No source of infection apart from islets could be identified. Pancreas harvesting and islet isolation protocols provided multiple opportunities for contamination. Environmental cultures during a mock islet isolation procedure failed to identify a source of *Enterobacter*. Previously cryopreserved islet lots were thawed and submitted for culture, 14/47 grew micro-organisms including *E. cloacae* in four instances. Following revision of protocols for aseptic handling of islets during processing and cryopreservation 55 consecutive pancreata undergoing processing were evaluated; 7 grew micro-organisms on arrival and in 3 cases these persisted through to cryopreservation. CONCLUSION. Two of seven islet transplantation recipients developed septicemia, likely related to infusion of contaminated cryopreserved islets. Using existing technology, for isolating islets from donor pancreata, recipients will remain at risk for this complication. Prevention should entail strict adherence to aseptic

technique, and, possibly, use of surveillance microbial cultures during the islet isolation process.

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Postantibiotic effect, and postantibiotic effect of subinhibitory concentrations, of sparfloxacin on gram-negative bacteria.

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The postantibiotic effect (PAE), the postantibiotic sub-MIC effect (PA SME), and the sub-MIC effect (SME) of a new oral quinolone, sparfloxacin, were determined for different strains of gram-negative bacteria. A PAE was induced by 10 x MIC of sparfloxacin for 2 h and the antibiotic was then eliminated by washing and dilution. The PA SME was studied by adding different sub-MICs during the postantibiotic phase, and the SME by exposing the controls to the sub-MICs alone. **Growth** curves were followed for 20 h by continuous monitoring of optical density in an automatic incubator. Sparfloxacin induced a PAE of 0.9-2.4 h for all strains except two clinical strains of **Enterobacter cloacae**. In accordance with earlier experiments with sparfloxacin and gram-positive bacteria, this study showed a PA SME that was nearly equal to the PAE plus the effect of the subinhibitory concentration alone (SME).

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Electric fields induce curved growth of Enterobacter cloacae, Escherichia coli, and Bacillus subtilis cells: implications for mechanisms of galvanotropism and bacterial growth .

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Directional **growth** in response to electric fields (galvanotropism) is known for eukaryotic cells as diverse as fibroblasts, neurons, algae, and fungal hyphae. The mechanism is not understood, but all proposals invoke actin either directly or indirectly. We applied electric fields to bacteria (which are inherently free of actin) to determine whether actin was essential for galvanotropism. Field-treated (but not control) *Enterobacter cloacae* and *Escherichia coli* cells curved rapidly toward the anode. The response was both field strength and pH dependent. The direction of curvature was reversed upon reversal of field polarity. The directional **growth** was not due to passive bending of the cells or to field-induced gradients of tropic substances in the medium. Field-treated *Bacillus subtilis* cells also curved, but the threshold was much higher than for *E. cloacae* or *E. coli*. Since the curved morphology must reflect spatial differences in the rates of cell wall synthesis and degradation, we looked for regions of active wall **growth**. Experiments in which the cells were decorated with latex beads revealed that the anode-facing ends of cells grew faster than the cathode-facing ends of the same cells. Inhibitors of cell wall synthesis caused spheroplasts to form on the convex regions of field-treated cells, suggesting that the initial curvature resulted from enhanced **growth** of cathode-facing regions. Our results indicate that an electric field modulates wall **growth** spatially and that the mechanism may involve differential stimulation of wall **growth** in both anode- and cathode-facing regions. Electric fields may therefore serve as valuable tools for studies of bacterial wall **growth**. Use of specific *E. coli* mutants may allow dissection of the galvanotropic mechanism at the molecular level.

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Bacillus subtilis*-- **growth** and development--GD; **Enterobacter cloacae* -- **growth** and development--GD; **Escherichia coli*--**growth** and development--GD; Electricity; Hydrogen-Ion Concentration; Microscopy, Electron; Protein Synthesis Inhibitors--pharmacology--PD

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Cluster of *Enterobacter cloacae* pseudobacteremias associated with use of an agar slant blood culturing system.

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From 1 February through 12 October 1990, 27 blood **cultures** processed at Shiprock Hospital were positive for *Enterobacter cloacae*; only 3 had been reported in the preceding 12 months. Twenty (74%) of the **cultures** were obtained from patients without clinical evidence of gram-negative septicemia. The increase in *E. cloacae*-positive blood **cultures** was temporally associated with the introduction of a new blood **culturing** system. To evaluate potential risk factors for an *E. cloacae*-positive blood **culture** (case- **culture**), we conducted a case-control study. Case- **cultures** were compared with 81 randomly selected **cultures** that were processed during the epidemic period and that were not positive for *E.*

cloacae (controls). Because several factors suggested the possibility of pseudoinfection, we limited our analysis to the 20 blood **cultures** that appeared to be contaminants. Blood samples received in the laboratory during the midnight shift (5 of 20 [25%] versus 5 of 81 [6%]; odds ratio, 5.1; 95% confidence intervals, 1.01 to 24.6; P = 0.02) or present in the incubator with other E. cloacae-positive samples (17 of 20 [85%] versus 29 of 81 [36%]; odds ratio, 10.2, 95% confidence interval, 2.6 to 57.3; P < 0.001) were at increased risk for contamination. During mock experiments of the procedures for processing blood samples for **culture**, several breaks in aseptic technique and leakage from the blood **culturing** system were observed. **Cultures** of samples obtained from several environmental sites in the laboratory and the hand washings of two laboratory technicians grew E. cloacae. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

Tags: Human

Descriptors: Bacteremia--epidemiology--EP; *Bacteriological Techniques--standards--ST; * **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections--epidemiology--EP; Agar; Bacteremia--etiology--ET; Case-Control Studies; Cluster Analysis; Disease Outbreaks; Enterobacteriaceae Infections--etiology--ET; Quality Control

CAS Registry No.: 9002-18-0 (Agar)

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Endophthalmitis caused by Enterobacter cloacae.

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Cataract extraction with placement of intraocular lenses is the most common intraocular procedure done today, with endophthalmitis as its most devastating complication. To our knowledge, this is only the third reported case of postoperative endophthalmitis caused by the gram-negative bacillus, Enterobacter cloacae. The course of infection, the treatment, and the laboratory identification of this organism are presented. It is important to add this proven case of gram-negative endophthalmitis to our **growing** knowledge of causes of this disease because, despite aggressive treatment with vitrectomy and intravitreal antibiotics, the infection was so virulent that it led to eventual phthisis bulbi.

Tags: Case Report; Female; Human

Descriptors: *Endophthalmitis--microbiology--MI; *Enterobacter cloacae; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections; *Eye Infections, Bacterial; Aged; Aged, 80 and over; Antibiotics, Combined--therapeutic use--TU; Cataract Extraction--adverse effects--AE; Endophthalmitis--therapy--TH; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Eye Enucleation; Lenses, Intraocular--adverse effects--AE; Vitrectomy; Vitreous Body--microbiology--MI

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A two-part energy burden imposed by growth of Enterobacter cloacae and Escherichia coli in sodium dodecyl sulfate.

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Enterobacter cloacae, like most enteric bacteria, can grow in the presence of 10% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). The bacteria tolerate the detergent and do not metabolize it. In a defined glucose-salts medium the growth rate remained unchanged ($G = 55$ min) as the detergent concentration was increased from 0 to 10% SDS. However, growth in SDS exhibited a two-part energy dependence. In part 1, the SDS-grown cells underwent rapid lysis when they ran out of energy. Cells that had entered stationary phase owing to carbon limitation lysed, while those that had entered owing to nitrogen or phosphorus limitation did not. We attribute part 1 of the energy dependence to SDS as a detergent. In part 2, the cells grown in 5 or 10% SDS exhibited longer lag periods, potassium accumulation, decreased cell yields, and higher oxygen consumption. The higher oxygen consumption occurred during both exponential phase and nitrogen-limited stationary phase. However, the decreased cell yield and higher oxygen consumption of SDS-grown cells were mimicked by cells grown in equivalent concentrations of sucrose or polyethylene glycol. We attribute part 2 of the energy dependence to SDS as a solute. Finally, with regard to the as yet unidentified bacterial osmotic stress detector, we used the micelle-forming nature of SDS to conclude that the detector was responding to turgor pressure-water activity rather than to osmolarity itself.

Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Descriptors: *Energy Metabolism; **Enterobacter cloacae*--metabolism--ME; **Escherichia coli*--metabolism--ME; *Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate--pharmacology--PD; Bacteriolysis; Carbon--metabolism--ME; Cell Division; Drug Resistance, Microbial; *Enterobacter cloacae*--drug effects--DE; *Enterobacter cloacae* -- growth and development--GD; *Escherichia coli* --drug effects--DE; *Escherichia coli* -- growth and development--GD; Nitrogen--metabolism--ME; Osmotic Pressure; Oxygen Consumption; Phosphorus--metabolism--ME; Potassium--metabolism--ME

CAS Registry No.: 151-21-3 (Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate); 7440-09-7 (Potassium); 7440-44-0 (Carbon); 7723-14-0 (Phosphorus); 7727-37-9 (Nitrogen)

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Fate of *Enterobacter cloacae* JP120 and *Alcaligenes eutrophus* AE0106(pR0101) in soil during water stress: effects on culturability and viability.

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A sandy loam soil near field capacity moisture content ($\psi = -0.050$ MPa) or air dried ($\psi = -300$ MPa) was inoculated with about 3×10^7 CFU of *Enterobacter cloacae* JP120 and *Alcaligenes eutrophus* AE0106(pR0101) per g and incubated in 40-g portions at 17 degrees C in closed or open Erlenmeyer flasks. In the field-moist soil, selective plating, direct viable counts,

and DNA hybridization showed only minor changes in the numbers of *E. cloacae* and *A. eutrophus* cells with time (14 days), and the results obtained with the three detection methods generally agreed. In the air-dried soil, the majority of both bacteria were found as intact DNA-carrying cells that were neither **culturable** nor viable by the methods employed in this study. The numbers of **culturable** *E. cloacae* and *A. eutrophus* cells dropped to 10(5) and 10(2) CFU/g, respectively, 2 h after inoculation. Direct viable counts showed that only about 1% of the cells detected by immunofluorescence microscopy were viable, but a fraction of viable nonculturable cells of both bacteria was present. *A. eutrophus* did not tolerate desiccation as well as *E. cloacae*. Only a minor fraction of the two test organisms regained their **culturability** or viability after rewetting of the air-dried soil; the number of total heterotrophic **culturable** bacteria, however, increased more than 10-fold and reached 73% of the level found in the field-moist soil at day 14.

Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Alcaligenes*--isolation and purification--IP; * **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; *Soil Microbiology; *Alcaligenes* --genetics--GE; *Alcaligenes*-- **growth** and development--GD; Bacteriological Techniques; Base Sequence; Colony Count, Microbial; DNA, Bacterial --genetics--GE; *Enterobacter cloacae*--genetics--GE; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; Evaluation Studies; Microscopy, Fluorescence; Molecular Sequence Data; Nucleic Acid Hybridization; Reproducibility of Results; Water

CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 7732-18-5 (Water)

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Effect of antibiotics on endotoxin release from gram-negative bacteria.

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Antibiotics may inhibit bacterial **growth** or may kill bacteria by inhibiting cell wall synthesis or protein synthesis. The amount of endotoxin released during antibiotic action has been found to be clinically important. Nine antibiotics, representing seven classes, were studied for the amounts of endotoxin released during their action on susceptible strains of *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. *Staphylococcus aureus*, which produces no endotoxin, was used as a control organism. Aztreonam induced the highest release of endotoxin, whereas other antibiotics such as imipenem and the quinolones induced the lowest release of endotoxin. Although the quantities of endotoxin released are not easily explained from the established mechanisms of antibiotic action, our findings may have implications for therapy of the acutely ill, septic patient in whom release of large quantities of endotoxin may be catastrophic.

Tags: Human

Descriptors: *Antibiotics--pharmacology--PD; *Endotoxins--metabolism--ME; *Gram-Negative Bacteria--drug effects--DE; Antibiotics--classification--CL; *Enterobacter cloacae*--drug effects--DE; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- **growth** and development--GD; *Escherichia coli*--drug effects--DE; *Escherichia coli* -- **growth** and development--GD; Gram-Negative Bacteria-- **growth** and development--GD; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*--drug effects--DE; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*-- **growth** and development--GD; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*--drug effects--DE; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*-- **growth** and development--GD

CAS Registry No.: 0 (Antibiotics); 0 (Endotoxins)

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Microorganisms associated with natural fermentation of Prosopis africana seeds for the production of okpiye.

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Plant foods for human nutrition (Dordrecht, Netherlands) (NETHERLANDS)

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Okpiye is a food condiment prepared by the fermentation of *Prosopis africana* seeds. The traditional process for the production and microbiological characteristics of the condiment were investigated. During laboratory fermentation that lasted 96 h, the mesquite seeds underwent a natural fermentation that was characterised by the **growth** of microorganisms to 10(6)-10(8) cfu/g. Several species of bacteria especially *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. megaterium*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and *Micrococcus* spp were found to be the most actively involved organisms. However, significant contributions to the microbial ecology were made by *Enterobacter cloacae* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. *Lactobacillus* spp were present in low numbers towards the end of the fermentation. The presence of *Proteus* and *Pseudomonas* spp in traditional fermented samples demonstrate the variability which may exist in the microflora of individual fermented samples. Variations in the important microbial groups show that *Bacillus* spp were the most prevalent species and occurred until the end of fermentation. Temperature, pH and titratable acidity varied with time and were influenced by the metabolic activities of the microorganisms.

Descriptors: *Condiments--microbiology--MI; *Fabaceae--microbiology--MI; *Fermentation; *Food Microbiology; *Plants, Medicinal; *Seeds--microbiology--MI; *Bacillus*--**growth** and development--GD; *Bacillus*--isolation and purification--IP; Colony Count, Microbial; *Enterobacter cloacae*--**growth** and development--GD; *Enterobacter cloacae*--isolation and purification--IP; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*--**growth** and development--GD; *Klebsiella pneumoniae*--isolation and purification--IP; *Lactobacillus*--**growth** and development--GD; *Lactobacillus*--isolation and purification--IP; *Micrococcus*--**growth** and development--GD; *Micrococcus*--isolation and purification--IP; *Proteus*--**growth** and development--GD; *Proteus*--isolation and purification--IP; *Pseudomonas*--**growth** and development--GD; *Pseudomonas*--isolation and purification--IP; *Staphylococcus epidermidis*--**growth** and development--GD; *Staphylococcus epidermidis*--isolation and purification--IP

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Enterobacter endocarditis.

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Endocarditis due to Enterobacter species is very rare. We recently cared for a patient who developed E. cloacae endocarditis following mitral valve replacement with a porcine heterograft, and was successfully treated with antibiotic therapy alone. A review of the literature disclosed an additional 17 well-described cases of enterobacter endocarditis. Two-thirds of the patients had underlying cardiac disease. The mitral valve was most frequently involved (10/16 cases) with 4 of the patients having concomitant aortic valve involvement. The overall mortality rate was 44.4%. Antibiotic therapy of enterobacter endocarditis should consist of the combination of a beta-lactam antibiotic and an aminoglycoside with careful monitoring of blood cultures to assure the adequacy of therapy. Resistance of enterobacter to previously susceptible antibiotics may occur during therapy due to induction of a chromosomally-mediated beta-lactamase, necessitating a change in antimicrobial therapy. Valvular surgery is indicated for patients failing medical management. (45 Refs.)

Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Descriptors: Endocarditis, Bacterial--microbiology--MI; * Enterobacter cloacae --isolation and purification--IP; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections --microbiology--MI; Middle Age

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Influence of transient salivary flora on assessment of mutans streptococci level by the "Strip mutans" method.

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Scandinavian journal of dental research (DENMARK) Jun 1992, 100 (3) p149-53, ISSN 0029-845X Journal Code: 0270023

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The Dentocult SM ("Strip mutans") method occasionally shows decoloration of broth and of colonies of mutans streptococci on the plastic strip, thereby making interpretation difficult. In an attempt to explain the phenomenon and to investigate the influence of the salivary flora on the "Strip mutans" method, a total of 46 subjects were sampled. Saliva was analyzed using the "Strip mutans" method and conventional plating techniques to identify mutans streptococci, enterococci, staphylococci, enteric bacteria, and yeasts. Approximately 85% of the "Strip mutans" scores coincided with the conventional MSB-plating method. Two samples showed decolored mutans streptococci colonies on the "Strip mutans" strip. Enterococcus spp. were present in the saliva of these test subjects and could grow in the "Strip mutans" broth. Enterococcus faecalis was able to induce the same type of decoloration under experimental pure culture conditions. Three "Strip mutans" samples showed small colonies of mutans streptococci, visible only under magnification (x 10-20). Staphylococcus epidermidis was present in these saliva samples and showed heavy growth in the broth. Under experimental pure culture conditions S. epidermidis also inhibited the growth of mutans streptococci to some extent.

Tags: Human

Descriptors: *Bacteria--isolation and purification--IP; *Reagent Strips --diagnostic use--DU; *Saliva--microbiology--MI; *Streptococcus mutans --isolation and purification--IP; Adult; Bacteria-- growth and development --GD; Colony Count, Microbial; Enterobacter cloacae -- growth and development--GD; Enterobacter cloacae --isolation and purification--IP; Enterobacteriaceae-- growth and development--GD; Enterobacteriaceae

--isolation and purification--IP; Enterococcus-- **growth** and development--GD; Enterococcus--isolation and purification--IP; Enterococcus faecalis -- **growth** and development--GD; Enterococcus faecalis --isolation and purification--IP; Escherichia coli-- **growth** and development--GD; Escherichia coli--isolation and purification--IP; Middle Age; Staphylococcus aureus-- **growth** and development--GD; Staphylococcus aureus --isolation and purification--IP; Staphylococcus epidermidis-- **growth** and development--GD; Staphylococcus epidermidis--isolation and purification--IP; Streptococcus mutans-- **growth** and development--GD; Yeasts-- **growth** and development--GD; Yeasts--isolation and purification--IP

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Molecular analysis provides evidence for the endogenous origin of bacteremia and meningitis due to Enterobacter cloacae in an infant.

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We analyzed the restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) of total DNA and of ribosomal DNA regions (ribotyping) to document the occurrence of endogenous, systemic bacteremia and meningitis due to Enterobacter cloacae in a newborn. Five strains of E. cloacae were isolated from this newborn. Three of these strains were recovered from stool at counts of 10(8), 10(9), and 10(9) organisms/g of feces, respectively; one strain was isolated from blood; and one strain was isolated from cerebrospinal fluid. In addition, five epidemiologically unrelated strains of E. cloacae were studied for comparison. Our study clearly shows the genetic relatedness of the strains isolated sequentially from **cultures** of stool, blood, and cerebrospinal fluid. RFLP analysis of total DNA and ribotyping seem particularly well suited to the study of the epidemiology of nosocomial E. cloacae strains.

Tags: Case Report; Human; Male

Descriptors: *Bacteremia--microbiology--MI; *DNA, Bacterial--analysis--AN; *Enterobacter cloacae--genetics--GE; *Enterobacteriaceae Infections--etiology--ET; *Meningitis, Bacterial--microbiology--MI; DNA, Ribosomal--analysis--AN; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; Enterobacteriaceae Infections--diagnosis--DI; Infant, Newborn; Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment Length

CAS Registry No.: 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (DNA, Ribosomal)

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Handwashing and disinfection of heavily contaminated hands--effective or ineffective?

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Hands are among the principal vehicles for transfer of nosocomial pathogens in hospitals. Often, outbreaks of infection are thought to be caused by a lack of compliance with handwashing guidelines, rather than due to the inadequacy of the handwashing agents used. In this study the effectiveness of proper handwashing and the use of three different hand disinfectants: ethanol 70% (E), isopropanol 40% (I) and alcoholic chlorhexidine (70%) (AC) was compared using three volunteers whose fingertips were heavily contaminated with a succession of bacteria including: *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Enterobacter cloacae*. After each contamination, thorough handwashing and application of one disinfectant on the hands were performed three times. Fingerprint-samples were taken before and 1 min after application of the disinfectants. Thorough handwashing with an ordinary liquid soap ('Sterisol') did not reduce the confluent **growth** of bacteria on fingertips for any of the species used (197 examinations). Only AC had a significant effect on fingers heavily contaminated with *S. aureus* (126 examinations; AC compared with E and I; P less than 0.0002 and P less than 0.0002 respectively), but did not completely eradicate the bacteria. After contamination with *Ent. cloacae* (118 examinations), none of the three agents were particularly effective, but E and AC seemed to be somewhat more effective than I (P less than 0.0002 and P less than 0.01 respectively). When successive contamination was performed using all bacterial species, AC was the most effective decontaminant. However, *Ent. cloacae* was still present on the fingertips after 15 repeated courses of handwashing and applications of disinfectants. Bathing of hands in AC for 20s completely eradicated all bacteria from the hands. The study demonstrates that, when heavily contaminated, an ordinary handwashing followed by disinfectants is not enough to eradicate potentially pathogenic bacteria from the hands.

Tags: Comparative Study; Female; Human; Male

Descriptors: *1-Propanol--therapeutic use--TU; *Chlorhexidine --therapeutic use--TU; *Cross Infection--prevention and control--PC; *Enterobacter cloacae--drug effects--DE; *Enterococcus faecalis --drug effects--DE; *Escherichia coli--drug effects--DE; *Ethanol--therapeutic use --TU; *Handwashing--methods--MT; *Staphylococcus aureus--drug effects--DE; **Enterobacter cloacae** --isolation and purification--IP; *Enterococcus faecalis*--isolation and purification--IP; *Escherichia coli*--isolation and purification--IP; Hospitals; *Staphylococcus aureus* --isolation and purification--IP

CAS Registry No.: 55-56-1 (Chlorhexidine); 64-17-5 (Ethanol); 71-23-8 (1-Propanol)

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Application and assessment of cloacin typing of *Enterobacter cloacae*.

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Three methods, O-serotyping, phage typing and susceptibility to bacteriocins, were used to type 357 clinical isolates of *Enterobacter cloacae* **cultured** from 219 patients. One hundred and sixty isolates were typed by serology and phage typing. When these two methods were used, primary classification of isolates was based on serology (65.7% typable) and phage typing for further subdivision (94.1% typable). When all the

isolates were typed by cloacin susceptibility, 81.5% of them were typable. Maximum discrimination between **cultures** was achieved when the three methods were used together; no single method was sufficiently discriminatory. There was a close parallel between serotyping and bacteriocin lysis pattern. The latter was easy to perform and the results were achieved within 48 h. By applying this typing system two episodes of cross-infection were identified in a haematology/oncology unit and intensive care unit.

Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Descriptors: *Bacteriophage Typing; *Cloacin--isolation and purification--IP; *Enterobacter cloacae--classification--CL; *Serotyping--methods--MT; **Enterobacter cloacae** -- growth and development--GD; Feces--microbiology--MI; Nose--microbiology--MI; O Antigens; Pharynx--microbiology--MI; Polysaccharides, Bacterial--isolation and purification--IP; Seroepidemiologic Studies

CAS Registry No.: 0 (O Antigens); 0 (Polysaccharides, Bacterial); 37370-19-7 (Cloacin)

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Bacteriophage lytic patterns for identification of salmonellae, shigellae, Escherichia coli, Citrobacter freundii, and Enterobacter cloacae.

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A series of bacteriophages specific for *Escherichia coli* (E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4), *Citrobacter freundii* (phi I, phi II, and phi III), *Enterobacter cloacae* (Ent), and *Shigella* spp. (Sh) have been isolated from hospital sewage. These bacteriophages, in combination with Felix Salmonella phage O-I, were used as a diagnostic phage typing set which included seven phage preparations: O-I, C (phi I and phi III), Sh, E (E-1 and E-2), CE (phi II and E-3), E-4, and Ent. After 20,280 **cultures** of 27 species and 9 biogroups of 15 genera of the family Enterobacteriaceae and 276 **cultures** of 8 species of 6 genera outside the Enterobacteriaceae were tested, it was shown that most strains of salmonellae, *E. coli*, *C. freundii*, and *E. cloacae* can be identified accurately. The sensitivities of identification were 83.6% for *E. cloacae*, 88.8% for *C. freundii*, 90.3% for *E. coli*, and 95.76% for salmonellae. The specificities were 99.78% for salmonellae, 99.84% for *E. cloacae*, 99.89% for *E. coli*, and 99.97% for *C. freundii*. The results of bacteriophage lytic patterns were highly correlated with *Shigella* serotypes. Therefore, such a phage typing set may be used routinely in public hygiene and clinical laboratories.

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Growth kinetics of coliform bacteria under conditions relevant to drinking water distribution systems.

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The **growth** of environmental and clinical coliform bacteria under conditions typical of drinking water distribution systems was examined. Four coliforms (*Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, and *Enterobacter cloacae*) were isolated from an operating drinking water system for study; an enterotoxigenic *E. coli* strain and clinical isolates of *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli* were also used. All but one of the coliforms tested were capable of **growth** in unsupplemented mineral salts medium; the environmental isolates had greater specific **growth** rates than did the clinical isolates. This trend was maintained when the organisms were **grown** with low levels (less than 1 mg liter⁻¹) of yeast extract. The environmental *K. pneumoniae* isolate had a greater yield, higher specific **growth** rates, and a lower K_s value than the other organisms. The environmental *E. coli* and the enterotoxigenic *E. coli* strains had comparable yield, **growth** rate, and K_s values to those of the environmental *K. pneumoniae* strain, and all three showed significantly more successful **growth** than the clinical isolates. The environmental coliforms also grew well at low temperatures on low concentrations of yeast extract. Unsupplemented distribution water from the collaborating utility supported the **growth** of the environmental isolates. **Growth** of the *K. pneumoniae* water isolate was stimulated by the addition of autoclaved biofilm but not by tubercle material. These findings indicate that **growth** of environmental coliforms is possible under the conditions found in operating municipal drinking water systems and that these bacteria could be used in tests to determine assimilable organic carbon in potable water.

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